

# ANNUAL REPORT 1997



SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS

*One hundred years ago, the Swampscott coastline had a very different look.*

*The "new" Phillips High School dominated the top of a relatively houseless hill, known to locals as T Hill. The "new" Fish House dominated the now open beach, replacing the numerous fishing shanties. The little building on the left, a home-cobbler shop, was often referred to as the Little Town Hall because of the socialization and gossip that took place there.*

*The next building, the Philbrick and Pope Building, is now a frame shop and hair salon. Next to that is the Chaisson's Boat Rental and hot dog stand, now a restaurant. The remaining buildings were demolished to make way for the Surf Theater parking lot in 1951. Now, the Chaisson Cove condo complex sits on the site. The High School and Fish House were expanded and remodeled in the 1930s and again in 1960.*

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

**SWAMPSCOTT  
MASSACHUSETTS**

For the year ending December 31, 1997



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Swampscott was incorporated as a Town on May 21, 1852**

**Situated:** About 15 miles northeast of Boston

**Population:** State Census 1992, 13,464 persons of all ages taken every year in Town Census

**Area:** 3.05 square miles

**Assessed Valuation:** \$1,092,537,207

**Tax Rate:** \$17.99 Residential and Open Space

\$28.24 Commercial and Industrial

\$28.24 Personal

**Form of Government:** Representative Town Meeting

(Accepted May 17, 1927.

First meeting held February 27, 1928)

**Governing Town Body:** Board of Selectmen

Elihu Thomson Administration Building

22 Monument Avenue

**Governor:** Argeo P. Cellucci

**Attorney General:** L. Scott Harshbarger

**Secretary of the Commonwealth:** William F. Galvin

**State Legislative Body:** Representing Swampscott:

Senator Edward J. Clancy, Jr. of Lynn (1st Essex District)

Representative Douglas W. Petersen (8th Essex District)

is the Representative in the General Court

**United States Congress:** Massachusetts Representatives:

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Senator John F. Kerry

**Representative in Congress:** John Tierney (6th Congressional District)

**Members of Governor's Council:** John F. Markey of North Andover (5th District)

**Qualifications of voters:** Must be 18 years of age, born in the United States or fully naturalized in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 587, Acts of 1972 and Chapter 853, Acts of 1973, there is no duration residential requirement for "who is a resident in the city or town where he claims the right to vote at the time he register" may be registered.

**Registration:** Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These hours are subject to change. Special sessions held preceding elections.

**Where to Vote:**

Precinct

1 - Machon School on Burpee Road

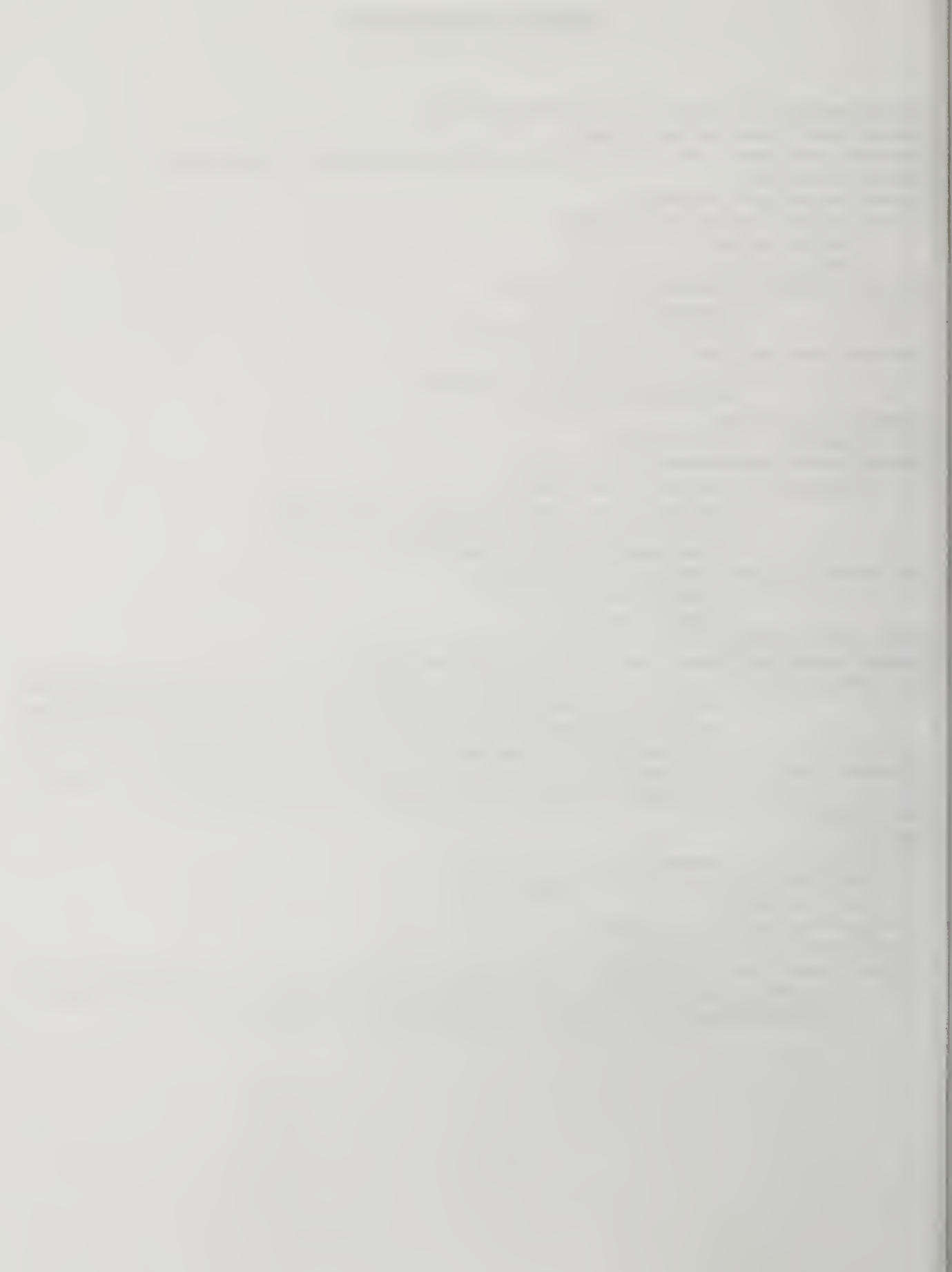
2 - Clarke School on Norfolk Avenue side adjoining park.

3 - Central Fire Station

4 - First Church on Monument Avenue

5 & 6 - High School on Forest Avenue

**Tax Bills:** Property taxes are assessed on a fiscal year basis which begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Payments are due quarterly on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st. Interest is assessed after due dates at the rate of 14 percent per annum computed per day.



# TOWN OFFICERS - 1997 ELECTED

## MODERATOR

Martin C. Goldman (1998)

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Douglas F. Allen (1999)  
Peter J. Cassidy (1999)  
Daniel R. Santanello (1998)  
Paul E. Levenson (1998)  
Carole B. Shutzer (2000)

## TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Jack L. Paster (2000)

## TOWN TREASURER

David P. Whelan (1998)

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Marc R. Paster, Chairman (1998)  
Vera C. Harrington (1999)  
John V. Phelan, III (1998)

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Gookin, Chairman (1998)  
Robert DiLisio (1999)  
Richard Bessom (2000)

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard Feinberg, Chairman (1999)  
Edward R. Palleschi (1998)  
Peter R. Beatrice, III (1999)  
Cyndy Taymore (1998)  
Kevin F. Breen (2000)

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Paul C. Wermuth, Chairman (1998)  
Carl Reardon (1999)  
Kelly Raskauskas (2000)

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Wendy Lyons, Chairman (1999)  
Dr. Arthur Freedman (1998)  
Nelson Kessler (2000)

## CONSTABLES

Michael Wood (1998)  
Paul Minsky (1998)  
Kent F. Murphy (1998)

## PLANNING BOARD

Eugene Barden, Chairman (1998)  
Jeffrey Blonder (2002)  
Veeder C. Nellis (2001)  
John V. Phelan, III (2000)  
Richard T. McIntosh (1999)

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Robert Donnelly, Chairman (1998)  
Albert DiLisio (2001)  
James L. Hughes (1998)  
Barabara Eldridge (2000)  
Marianne Marino McGrath  
*State Appointed*



## APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

### **Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen**

Richard T. Leary  
*Resigned June 30, 1997*

### **Administrative Assistant**

Patricia George (1998)

### **Town Accountant**

Gene Nigrelli (1998)

### **Animal Control Officer**

Claudia Siniawski (1998)

### **Bargaining Agent**

Leonard Kopelman, Esquire (1998)

### **Administrator of Benefits & Coordinator of Workers' Compensation**

Karen Prodo  
*Resigned December 1997*

### **Inspector of Buildings & Inspector of Smoke**

Louis Gallo (1998)

### **Alternate Inspector of Buildings**

Kathleen Magee (1998)

Richard T. McIntosh (1998)

### **Director of Emergency Management**

Richard E. Maitland (1998)

### **Constables to Post Warrants & Other Similar Work**

Kent F. Murphy (1998)

### **Constables for Serving Civil Process**

Junior Clark (1998)

David H. Janes (1998)

Edward F. Riccio (1998)

Gerald E. Davidson (1998)

William McGettrick (1998)

### **Town Counsel**

Leonard Kopelman, Esquire (1998)

### **Chief of Fire Department & Forest Warden**

William R. Hyde (1998)

### **Senior Building Custodian**

Brian Cawley (1998)

### **Junior Custodian**

Thomas Marcou (1998)

### **Fence Viewers**

Douglas F. Allen (1998)

Alan F. Taubert (1998)

Louis Gallo (1998)

### **Harbormaster**

Lawrence P. Bithell (1998)

### **Assistant Harbormasters**

John T. Cawley (1998)

William F. Hennessey (1998)

Roger P. Bruley (1998)

Susan Kiffney (1998)

### **Parking Agent**

Kevin Bolduc (1998)

### **Chief of Police & Keeper of the Lockup**

John E. Toomey (1998)

### **Shellfish Constable**

Lawrence P. Bithell (1998)

### **Assistant Shellfish Constables**

Joseph C. Cardillo (1998)

John T. Cawley (1998)

### **Veterans' Service Agent**

Jim Schultz (1998)

### **Assistant Veterans' Agent**

Steven DeFelice (1998)

### **Weight & Measures Inspector**

John F. O'Hare (1998)

### **Wire Inspector**

Daniel C. Cahill (1998)

### **Assistant Wire Inspector**

Roger B. Farwell (1998)



# COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

## ADA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Alan F. Taubert, Chairman	(1998)
David Hall, ADA Coordinator	(1998)
Janet N. Baker	(1998)
Dana Anderson	(1998)
Kevin Gookin	(1998)
Kevin Oliver	(1998)
Brian Drummond	(1998)
Alice Howard	(1998)
Jean Regan	(1998)
Louis Gallo	(1998)

## AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

Gene Nigrelli	(1998)
Karen A. E. Prodo	
<i>Resigned December 1997</i>	

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Ruth Roche	(1998)
Helen Levine	(1998)
James T. Kapol	(1999)
Sheila Braun	(1998)
Estelle Epstein	(2000)
Mary Abramson	(1998)
Jean Kalabokis	(1998)
Deborah Eagan	(1998)

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kenneth B. Shutzer, Chairman	(2001)
Garry Baker, Vice-Chairman	(1999)
William O'Brien	(2000)
Carol Levin	(2002)
Anthony Scibelli	(1998)

### Associate Members

David H. Janes	(1999)
Joseph A. MacDonald	(1998)

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

Madeline Segal, Chairman	(1998)
Laura Herhold	(1998)
Ellen Wittlinger	(1998)
Mersine Hennessey	(1999)
Martha Cesarz	(1998)
Alice Winston	(1999)

## EARTH REMOVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frances M. Speranza	(1998)
John R. Dube	(1998)
Kenneth Shutzer	(1998)
David Janes	(1998)
Eugene Barden	(1998)
Chief William R. Hyde	(1998)
Daniel Dandreo	(1998)

## BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Richard T. McIntosh, Chairman	(1998)
Kathleen J. Magee	(1999)
Richard P. Mayor	(1998)
John V. Phelan, III	(2001)

## CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paula R. Mariano, Chairman	(1998)
Marc G. McHugh	(1998)
Charles J. Lyons, Jr.	(1998)
Ethel Harris	(1998)
Jacqueline Blanchard	(1998)
Gene Nigrelli	(1998)
Michael Johnson	(1998)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Paul E. Genest, Chairman	(1998)
Nelson Kessler	(2000)
Matthew Leahy	(1998)
Joseph J. Balsama	(2000)
Geralyn P.M. Falco	(2000)
Martha Valleriani	(1998)
Mark T. Mahoney	(1998)
<b>Associate Member</b>	
Elise R. Shutzer	(1998)

## FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Swampscott Rotary Board of Directors	(1998)
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## TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE

Louise Laconte, Chairman	(1998)
Mersine Hennessey, Treasurer	(1998)
Lt. Richard Wilson	(1998)
Alan Taubert	(1998)
William Wollerscheid	(1998)
Sid Novak	(1998)
Charles Losano	(1998)
Richard Mayor	(1998)

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN (Cont.)

### BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Theodore A. Patrikis, Chairman	(2000)
Linda J. Thompson	(1998)
Joseph C. Sinatra	(1998)
Barbara Devereaux	(2001)
Deborah Goldberg	
<i>Resigned September 22, 1997</i>	

### RECREATION COMMISSION

Andrew B. Holmes, Chairman	(1999)
Mary Regan Marrs	(2000)
Leslie S. Kiely	(1999)
Peter Openheim	(1998)
Edward Snyder	(1998)
John Hughes, Jr. <i>Member at Large</i>	(1998)

### SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chief William R. Hyde	(1998)
Chief John E. Toomey	(1998)
Alan F. Taubert	(1998)
Jacqueline Blanchard	(1998)

### WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Joseph J. Balsama, Chairman	(1998)
Ernest Manchin, Member Emeritus	(1998)
Thomas B. White, Jr.	(1998)
Eileen Ventresca, Secretary	(1999)
Angelo Losano	(1999)
Paul E. Garland	(1998)
James H. Lilly	(1998)
Ida S. Pinto	(1998)
Jean F. Reardon	(1998)
Robert Donelan	(1998)
Jim Schultz, Ex Officio	

### HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William F. Hennessey, Chairman	(1998)
Lawrence P. Bithell	(1998)
John O'Shea	(1998)
Louis D. Williams	(1998)
Lawrence A. Mangini	(1998)
Peter C. McCarriston	(1998)
Geralyn P.M. Falco	(1998)

### SAILING SUBCOMMITTEE

John L. Romano, Chairman	(1998)
Madeline Romano	(1998)
Arthur Simms	(1998)
Arthur O'Neil	(1998)

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Louis A. Gallo, Chairman	(1999)
Sylvia Belkin	(2000)
David Callahan	(1998)
Douglas Maitland	(1999)
Marilynn Margulius	(1998)
Mary M. Doane Cassidy	(2000)
Nancy Cropley Backstrom	(2000)

### Associate Members

Thomas Marcou	
Jack Butterworth	(1998)

### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ross Dolloff, Chairman	(1998)
John V. Phelan, III, Planning Board Liaison	(1998)
Pamela Shea	(1998)
Bill Brauner	(1998)

### INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Douglas F. Allen	(1998)
Edward M. Breed	(1998)
Michael Cassidy	(1998)

### VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Jim Schultz	(1998)
Lawrence A. Mangini	(1998)
John Stinson	(1998)
Steven DeFelice	(1998)
Jon E. Sverker	(1998)
Philip Costin	(1998)
John DiPietro	(1998)

### DESIGN SELECTION COMMITTEE

James N. Polando, Chairman	(1998)
John V. Phelan, III	(1998)
Louis Modini	(1998)

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION

Paul E. Levenson, Esquire, Co-Chair	
Kevin F. Breen, Co-Chair	
Dana Anderson	
Ralph Bennett	
Joseph Markarian, Jr.	
Nelson Kessler	
Cynthia Merkle	
Louis Spano	
Cyndy Taymore	
Ann Woodfork	
Thomas Burke, III	
Robert Donelan	
Ina-Lee Block	
Mary DeSimone	

## **REPRESENTATIVES, LIAISONS, DESIGNEES, COORDINATORS**

### **CLEAN AIR & OIL SPILL COORDINATOR**

Alan F. Taubert

### **ESSEX COUNTY ADVISORY**

Douglas F. Allen

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

Mark Thompson

### **LABOR SERVICE COORDINATOR**

Gene J. Nigrelli

### **MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Joseph J. Balsama

### **MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY**

Alan F. Taubert

### **METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL**

Alan F. Taubert

### **NORTH SHORE TASK FORCE**

Alan F. Taubert

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY LIAISON & HANDICAP COORDINATOR**

David Hall

### **RIGHT TO KNOW LAW COORDINATOR**

Brian Cawley

### **MASSACHUSETTS BAYS PROGRAM-2000 REPRESENTATIVES**

Geralyn P.M. Falco

### **NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

William Hyde, Jr.

### **WINTER PLANNING COORDINATOR**

Alan F. Taubert

## **APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Ralph Soupa, Chairman  
Patrick Hughes, Secretary  
Nelson Kessler  
Lawrence Picariello  
Dana Anderson, Ex-Officio Member

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Arthur Goldberg, Chairman	(2000)
Cynthia Merkle, Vice Chairman	(1998)
Walter E. Newhall, Jr.	(1999)
Michael Callahan	(1999)
John Karowowski	(1998)
Mary Marrs	(2000)
Cynthia McNerney	(1998)
Brian Drummond	(2000)

### **TOWN LAND USE TRUSTEES**

Marianne McGrath  
Peter Shribman  
Joseph Balsama  
Louis Gallo  
Gerald Kaloust

### **COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ELECTION PROCESS**

Jill S. Koidin, Chairperson, Residents Representative  
Carole B. Shutzer, Selectmen's Representative  
Theodore A. Patrikis, Election Commission Representative  
Linda J. Thompson, Election Commission Representative  
Jack L. Paster, Town Clerk



**APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND MODERATOR  
PERSONNEL BOARD**

Ann M. Whittemore, Chairman	(1998)
Gary P. Langdon	(2000)
Peter C. McCarriston	(1998)
William F. Hennessey	(1999)
Gene Nigrelli	(2000)

**APPOINTED BY THE MASS. EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION  
EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Douglas F. Allen, Board of Selectmen  
John E. Toomey, Chief, Police Department  
William R. Hyde, Chief, Fire Department  
Paul E. Genest, Chairman, Conservation Commission  
Richard E. Maitland, Emergency Management Director  
Alan F. Taubert, Superintendent, Public Works  
Wayne O. Attridge, Health Officer

**APPOINTED BY PROBATE COURT  
ROLAND JACKSON MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Reverend Dean Pederson  
Jacqueline Blanchard  
Dr. Peter M. Barker

**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
HEALTH OFFICER: Wayne O. Attridge**

**APPOINTED BY THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**  
GAS & PLUMBING INSPECTOR: Peter T. McCarriston  
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR: Michael Waldman

**APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TOWN ENGINEER:  
Alan F. Taubert, P.E., P.L.S.

**APPOINTED BY THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD AND SELECTMEN AND ELECTED  
BY TOWN EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**

Thomas H. Driscoll, Jr., Chairman, appointed by the Board of Selectmen - (1999)  
James W. Armstrong, Employee Representative - (1998)  
John Behen, Employee Representative - (1999)  
Gene J. Nigrelli, Town Accountant - (2000)  
Dr. Peter Barker, appointed by the Retirement Board - (2000)

**APPOINTED BY THE TREASURER WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Barbara Bickford

**APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK AND COLLECTOR**  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK: Catherine L. Woods

To receive Notice of Intention of Marriage and to administer the Oath of Office to persons appointed or elected to boards, committees & commissions within the Town of Swampscott.

**APPOINTED OR ELECTED BY ORGANIZATIONS  
OF THE EMPLOYEES AFFECTED  
GROUP INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Sgt. Joseph Cordes, Police Department Representative  
Christopher Thomson, Fire Department Representative  
Dorothy Forman & Izzy Abrams, Library Representatives  
Donald Babcock, School Representative  
Diane Erickson, Town Hall Representative  
Gene Nigrelli, Non-Union Employee Representative  
Carl Reardon, Department of Public Works & Custodians Representatives

**UNION PRESIDENTS**

Police Department	Joseph Cordes
Fire Department	Christopher Thomson
Library	Dorothy Forman & Izzy Abrams
Teachers	Donald Babcock
School Custodians & Cafeteria Workers	Carl Reardon
School Secretaries	Bette Lou Popp (at Stanley School)
Public Works	Carl Reardon (at High School)
Town Hall Clerical	Carl Reardon

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
TO STUDY RECYCLING**

Agnes Raymond	Alice Winston
Arthur Freedman, D.V.M.	Barbara Jaslow Schaefer
Bette Weiss	Gene Nigrelli
Jerry Falco	Kent Murphy
Kevin Gookin	Linda Haley
Michael Leger	Nelson Kessler
Pat Hickey	Peter Barker, M.D.
Robert Murphy	Roy Pearson
Smilia Marvosh	Wendy Lyons, L.C.S.W.



# DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

## OFFICERS

Somer, Margaret A. (*Chair*)  
Blonder, Jeffrey (*Vice-Chair*)  
Marrs, Mary Regan (*Clerk*)  
Patrikis, Ted (*Treasurer*)

32 Bay View Ave.  
15 Shackle Way  
12 Capstan Way  
1006 Paradise Rd. Bldg N2J

## REGULAR MEMBERS

Baker, Edythe  
Cohen, Beth  
Cohen, George  
Cunningham, Marguerite  
Devereaux, Barbara  
Diamant, Dan  
DiPesa, Ralph "Skip"  
Driscoll, Thomas  
Duncan, Susan  
Feldman, Doris  
Golden, Fran  
Kalman, Ed  
Kaufman, Nancy  
Kearney, Sheila  
Kyriakakis, Carole  
Maloney, John  
Mauriello, Chris  
Munnely, Dan  
Murphy, Kent  
Reichlin, Abby  
Rosenthal, Burt  
Shanahan, Bill  
Smith, Jim  
Smullin, Alix  
Watson, Brian  
Weiss, Gerdy  
Whalen, Barbara  
Whelton, Linda Bendel  
Whelton, Peter

75 Stanley Rd.  
58 Prospect St.  
58 Prospect St.  
68 Foster Rd.  
9 Humphrey Terr.  
63 Aspen Rd.  
67 Aspen Rd.  
12 Banks Terr.  
24 Lincoln Circle  
18 Shepard Ave.  
47 Farragut Rd.  
49 Ocean View Rd.  
28 Devens Rd.  
14 Shackle Way  
90 Mountwood Rd.  
9 Humphrey Terr.  
55 Blaney St  
8 Sampson Ave.  
40 Glen Rd.  
8 Sumner Rd.  
69 Ocean View Rd.  
48 King St.  
51 Harrison Ave.  
42 Woodbine Ave  
50 Greenwood Ave.  
101 Bay View Ave.  
11 Deer Cove Rd  
1006 Paradise Rd.  
1006 Paradise Rd.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Babcock, Elizabeth  
Baker, Robert  
DiMento, William  
Breitborde, Mary-Lou  
Emspak, Frank  
Feinberg, Richard  
Katz, Erica  
Marrs, Chris  
Petersen, Rep. Doug  
Segal, Maddy

33 Manton Rd.  
75 Stanley Rd.  
64 Bay View Dr.  
39 Blaney St.  
33 Outlook Rd.  
12 Bradlee Ave.  
33 Gale Rd.  
12 Capstan Way  
29 Rose Ave.  
8 Sumner Rd.

## REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

Budreau, William J	20 Mostyn Street
Butters, Joy	53 Pleasant Street
Butters, John	53 Pleasant Street
Butters, Bryan	53 Pleasant Street
Chesley, Bruce	6 New Ocean Street
Cross, David	110 Norfolk Avenue
Collins, Henry J	8 Duke Street
Goudreau, Connie	61 Greenwood Avenue
Hall, Jeanne	58 Redington Street
Leger, Michael A	312 Humphrey Street
McGrath, Kevin M.	258 Essex Street
McGrath, Marianne	258 Essex Street
Minsky, Paul	P.O. Box 106
Mizioch, Lauren	7 Foster Road
Palleschi, Arthur J.	Banks Circle
Palleschi, Edward A.	24 Columbia Street
Perry, Frank H. Sr.	319 Paradise Road
Perry, Frank H. Jr.	71 Roy Street
Perry, Frank H. III	71 Roy Street
Perry, Marilyn A.	6 MacArthur Circle
Perry, Robert E.	6 MacArthur Circle
Sinatra, Joseph	62 Rockland Street
Sinatra, Beverly	62 Rockland Street
Taubert, Alan	442 Humphrey Street
Tennant, Alexander	130 Atlantic Avenue
Tennant, Cynthia	130 Atlantic Avenue
Thompson, Anneliese	10 Burpee Road
Thompson, Glen	10 Burpee Road
Thompson, Linda J.	80 Middlesex Avenue
Thompson, John P. Jr.	80 Middlesex Avenue
Thompson, Susan A.	80 Middlesex Avenue
Williams, Tracy M.	7 Blaney Circle
Withrow, Robert	27 Greenwood Terrace
Withrow, Mary Susan	27 Greenwood Terrace
Wood, Mike	31 Cedar Hill Terrace

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Bargoot, Joyce	16 Plummer Avenue
Barr, Sam	53 Bay View Drive
Mancini, Francis A.	76 Ocean View Road
Paster, Jack L.	20 Hampden Street
Warnock, Donald J., Jr.	55 Berkshire Street

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During 1997 the Board dealt with a wide variety of issues including changes in personnel, proposed construction projects, and operating policies and procedures.

Our first Executive Secretary, Richard Leary, left on July 1st to accept a private sector job closer to home, but he still continues to assist the Board at no cost to the Town, especially in the process of the selection of his successor, Tim Hauenstein. Similarly, after four years of devoted service on the Board, most recently as vice Chair, Janet Baker did not seek re-election, and was succeeded by Carole Shutzer who served previously as a Library Trustee and as the Chair of the highly successful Library renovation fund drive. Following the expiration of her term on the Board, Ms. Baker continued to serve as the Chair of the Public Safety Building Committee whose work has addressed the deficiencies of the present Police Department headquarters and possibility of its moving to the Humphrey Street Pumping Station. In addition, the Board working in conjunction with the School Committee helped to create an advisory group that is carefully examining the needs of our schools.

Collective bargaining is one of the Board's most compelling responsibilities. After very construction negotiations with each of the five unions, new contracts were signed. They include positive procedural provisions and a 3% salary adjustment and will be in effect until June 30, 1999.

As in past years, the Board was obliged to deal with Town Counsel and our insurers in various litigation matters and grievances some of which were resolved and some are still pending. These matters involve worker's compensation, zoning decisions, personnel issues and other claims.

During the year, the Board, with the help of the Police Department and the Department of Public Works continued to address the Town's traffic problems especially in the areas of Foster's Dam, Essex Street, Forest Avenue and Vinnan Square.

Finally, the Board would be remiss if it failed to thank Temple Beth El for making its facilities available for our Town Meeting, to express its profound gratitude to those who have given so generously of their time and talents on the committees and commissions that enable the Town to operate and to plan for its future, to our State Senator, Edward J. Clancy, Jr. and our State Representative, Douglas W. Peterson for their constant advice and assistance, and to our Administrative Assistant, Patricia E. George, whose continued outstanding performance day by day is invaluable.

It is both an honor and privilege to serve the Town as members of the Board of Selectmen and we appreciate the opportunity you have given each of us to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas F. Allen, Chairman  
Peter J. Cassidy, Vice Chairman  
Daniel R. Santanello  
Paul E. Levenson  
Carole B. Shutzer

# TOWN CLERK

Jack L. Paster

## OFFICIAL TOWN STATISTICS 1997

Marriage Intentions Filed/Marriage Licenses Issued . . . . .	82
Marriages Recorded . . . . .	81
Births Recorded (78, Female; 80, Male). . . . .	158
Deaths Recorded (82, Female; 62, Male). . . . .	144
Applications for Variances and Special Permits . . . . .	59
Oath of Office Administered to Town Officials. . . . .	143
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:	
Conservation Commission filings processed . . . . .	2
Conflict of Interest Statements Recorded/Processed . . . . .	3
Resignations of Town Officials Accepted/Processed . . . . .	11
Applications for Planning Board Action Processed . . . . .	6
Site Plan Review Applications Processed . . . . .	26
Earth Removal Applications Processed . . . . .	1
Public Meeting Notices Recorded and Posted . . . . .	485
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Filings Processed . . . . .	103
Certificates of Business (DBA) Issued and Processed . . . . .	85
Gas Storage (Flammables) Renewal Permits Issued . . . . .	15
Gas Storage Permit Fees Collected . . . . .	\$375
Raffle/Bazaar Permit Fees Collected . . . . .	\$55
Dog Licenses Issued . . . . .	910
Dog License Fees Collected . . . . .	\$9,245
Dog Fines Collected . . . . .	\$2,145

NOTE: Since Swampscott births occur in out-of-town hospitals, the reports of said births, as contained in the above statistical report, must first be processed by the City Clerk in the communities where the birth actually took place before it is filed here in the parents' home community. There is often a lag of one, two or even three months before the official report arrives at Town Hall. In preparing our year-end report we use a cut-off date of January 20. Births occurring after that date are not included in the above statistics. In an attempt to minimize any possible confusion and to allow this report to serve as an historically correct document, we will publish updated totals in each year's report for the preceding year for births and deaths.

1996 Final Statistics: Births — 167; Deaths — 161



# TOWN WARRANT

## ARTICLE 1

**Essex, ss.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said County:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to assemble in their respective precincts in said Swampscott, to wit:

Precinct One	Polling Place	Machon School on Burpee Road
Precinct Two	Polling Place	Clarke School on Norfolk Avenue
Precinct Three	Polling Place	Central Fire Station on Burrill Street
Precinct Four	Polling Place	First Church Congregational on Monument Avenue
Precinct Five	Polling Place	High School on Forest Avenue
Precinct Six	Polling Place	High School on Forest Avenue

on Tuesday, the twenty-second of April, 1997, at 7:00 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

To choose a moderator for one (1) year  
To choose one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Board of Assessors for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Board of Public Works for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the School Committee for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Trustees of the Public Library for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Board of Health for three (3) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Planning Board for five (5) years  
To choose one (1) member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three (3) years  
To choose eighteen (18) Town Meeting Members in each of the six (6) precincts for three (3) years  
To choose two (2) Town Meeting Members in Precinct One for two (2) years  
To choose one (1) Town Meeting Member in Precinct Two for one (1) year  
To choose two (2) Town Meeting Members in Precinct Three for two (2) years and two (2) for one (1) year  
To choose one (1) Town Meeting Member in Precinct Four for two (2) years  
To choose two (2) Town Meeting Members in Precinct Five for one (1) year  
To choose one (1) Town Meeting Member in Precinct Six for one (1) year

At the close of the election, the meeting will adjourn to Monday, the twenty-eighth day of April, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., at Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott.

See the report of the Election Commission for the results of the 1997 Municipal Elections held on April 22, 1997.

## **1997 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **Return of Service:**

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Administration Building, at the Post Office, and at least two public and conspicuous places in each precinct in the Town, and at or in the immediate vicinity of the Swampscott Railroad Station. Said posting was done on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, and not less than seven (7) days before the date appointed for said meeting.

Kent F. Murphy  
Constable of Swampscott

### **Mailing of Warrants and Annual Reports**

The Warrants for the Annual Town Meeting were mailed to Town Meeting members and to those residents who were running for a Town Meeting seat (listed on the ballot) on April 14, 1997. Copies of the Annual Report were also mailed on 4/14/97 in the same package. Copies of the Annual Report and Warrant were also available free of charge for any interested person in the Town Clerk and Selectmen's Offices at the Town Administration Building.

### **Notice of Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting of 1997 will convene on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 with Article 1 (the Town Election) at 7:00 a.m. in the Town's regular polling places. At 8:00 p.m., the Town Meeting will be adjourned to Monday, April 28, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., at which time it is planned, for lack of a quorum, to adjourn to Wednesday, April 30, 1997 7:45 p.m., in the auditorium of Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Avenue.

### **Notice of Adjourned Annual Town Meeting Wednesday, April 30, 1997, 7:45 p.m.**

To the Town Meeting members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott that the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 30, 1997 beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Ave., Swampscott.

The required identification badges are to be picked up at the auditorium entrance after you have checked in.

### **Meeting Certifications**

I hereby certify the following certifications concerning the 1997 Annual Town Meeting:

In accordance with the adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting of April 22, 1997, the Adjourned Town Meeting of April 28, 1997 was held at the Temple Beth El auditorium, Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott. The meeting was adjourned to April 30, 1997 for lack of a quorum.

In accordance with the adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting of April 28, 1997, the Adjourned Town Meeting of April 30, 1997 was held at the Temple Beth El auditorium, 55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott, and was called to order at 7:51 p.m. with the necessary quorum present (206). At 10:25 p.m. it was voted to adjourn to May 1, 1997.

In accordance with the adjournment of April 30, 1997, the Adjourned Town Meeting of May 1, 1997 was held at the Temple Beth El auditorium and was called to order at 7:50 p.m. with the necessary quorum present (194). At 10:50 p.m. it was voted to adjourn to May 5, 1997.

In accordance with the adjournment of May 1, 1997, the Adjourned Town Meeting of May 5, 1997 was held at the Temple Beth El auditorium and was called to order at 7:16 p.m. with the necessary quorum present (169). At 10:22 p.m. it was voted to dissolve the 1997 Annual Town Meeting.



## **Legal Advertisements Published**

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott the following legal advertisements were published as indicated concerning the adjourned sessions of Town Meeting:

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of the Town Clerk**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott that the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1997 will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 1997 beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Ave., Swampscott.

Martin C. Goldman, moderator of Swampscott, will preside.

Jack L. Paster  
Clerk of Swampscott

Item: April 28, 1997

**TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Office of the Town Clerk**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott that the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1997 will be held on Monday, May 5, 1997 beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium of Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Ave., Swampscott.

Martin C. Goldman, moderator of Swampscott, will preside.

Jack L. Paster  
Clerk of Swampscott

Item: May 5, 1997

## Attendance

For the 1997 Town Meeting attendance, by precinct, see the list at the end of this report.

## Town Meeting Action

The Return of Service was read by Town Clerk Jack L. Paster, who then administered the Oath of Office to the Town Meeting members.

Reverend Joseph Sheehy of St. John the Evangelist Church offered the invocation.

Moderator Goldman thanked Temple Beth El for allowing the Town Meeting to use their auditorium for the annual sessions.

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Barbara Dusseault for her efforts on behalf of many Swampscott projects and causes.

A tribute and plaque was presented to Paul Garland, long-time chairman of the Personnel Board, by Ann M. Whittemore to mark Garland's 30 years of service.

State Senator Edward Chip Clancy and State Representative Douglas Peterson were recognized for their attendance at the Town Meeting. Peterson addressed the meeting on the subject of Special Education funding.

Town Meeting passed the following resolution offered by Precinct Five Town Meeting member Carl D. Reardon on May 1, 1997:

## RESOLUTION

*Whereas* special education costs state-wide and locally have proven to be a financial burden on all cities and towns, and more specifically the Town of Swampscott, and the town is at its financial limits of Proposition 2½,

*Therefore, be it Resolved:*

That the Town Meeting vote to respectfully request its elected School Committee and Selectmen to have its elected state senator and representative work to fully fund, for all cities and towns, special education costs for Fiscal 1998, and further, that the School Committee and Selectmen contact all other cities and towns requesting that they do the same with their elected senators and representatives.

Town Meeting members voted, by a clear majority on May 1, 1997, to continue holding Town Meeting sessions at the Temple Beth El auditorium rather than going back to the Middle School auditorium. This was conducted as a Sense of the Meeting vote by the Moderator.

Douglas Allen, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, offered remarks to recognize and acknowledge the work done by Richard Leary, executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen. Town Meeting responded with a standing ovation.

## Action under the Articles

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act on the reports of Town Officials, Boards and Committees.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee to comprehensively evaluate the expenditure of Capital Improvement Committee funds on computer related resources. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee to plan an appropriate sesquicentennial celebration to mark the town's 150th birthday in the year 2002. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee to examine state funding and evaluate whether there is an inequity in our State Aid for education as well as other services. Said committee shall consist of a selectman, the executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, the superintendent of schools, a member of the Board of Public Works, a representative from the League of Women Voters, people from the town who have worked at the State House or in state politics and an attorney. Majority Vote. 5/1/97

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee to study the election process. Said committee will report their findings and possible propose by-law changes at the next Annual Town Meeting. Said committee will consist of two members of the Election Commission, the executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, the town clerk and two residents of the town. Majority Vote. 5/5/97

Voted: That the report of the Vincent P. O'Brien Memorial Committee offered by John F. Burke be accepted. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

Voted: That the report of the Capital Improvements Committee offered by Ralph Souppa be accepted as a report of progress. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

Voted: That the expenditure and revenue forecast offered by Richard Leary, executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, be accepted. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

Voted: That the Zoning By-Law Committee report offered by Ann Whittemore be accepted as a report of progress. Majority Vote. 4/30/97

**ARTICLE 3.** To see what action the Town will take in relation to the salaries of elected Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 3.** That the Town fix the salary and compensation of the elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1997 as follows:

Town Clerk and Collector	\$42,544
Treasurer	7,426
Constable (one of them)	100

And further that the sum of \$1,455 be appropriated therefor

**Majority Vote. 4/30/97**

Note: The remainder of the appropriation for the listed salaries is contained in Article 8, the Budget.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see what action the Town will take on the matter of transferring the unexpended balances as shown on the books of the Town Accountant as of June 30, 1996, to the Surplus Revenue Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 4.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Unanimous. 4/30/97

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the account of unpaid bills for the purpose of settling all bills contract prior to July 1, 1996, and remaining unpaid at the time of the closing of the Town's books for the year ending June 30, 1996, according to the records of the Town Accountant, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 5.** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$594.34 to pay the following unpaid bills:

Community Classifieds	\$109.73
Logical Solutions	306.00
Eaton Apothecary	178.61

**Unanimous Vote. 4/30/97**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account of the Town to the account of Current Revenue a sum of money to be used and applied by the Board of Assessors in the reduction of the tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 6.** That the Town transfer the sum of \$620,000 from the Surplus Revenue Account to Current Revenue to be applied to reduce the tax levy.

**Unanimous Vote. 4/30/97**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of funds from various Town accounts which have moneys remaining therein to such other Town accounts which reflect a deficit, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 7.** That the town transfer the sum of \$158,500 from and to the accounts indicated:

From	To	\$
Fish House Operating Exp.	Snow & Ice	\$ 9,000
Highway Maintenance	Snow & Ice	10,000
Retirement	Snow & Ice	51,000
Retirement	Workers Comp.	48,000
Retirement	Medicare Tax	24,000
Retirement	Employee Health	15,000
Benefits Coordinator	Outside Services	1,500

**Majority Vote. 4/30/97**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what action the Town will take concerning the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1997, and ending on June 30, 1998, and appropriate the necessary money, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 8.** That this article be approved and that the following amounts of money be appropriated for the several purposes hereinafter itemized. Each numbered line item is to be considered a separate appropriation. The budgeted amounts may only be spent for the stated purpose.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**



**OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET**

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Identification</b>	<b>Voted Appropriation</b>	<b>From: Tax Rate</b>	<b>From: Avail. Funds</b>	<b>From: Bonding</b>
	Moderator - Expenses	50	50		
	Finance Committee Secretary	3,489	3,489		
	Expenses	200	200		
	Selectmen - Salaries	66,100	66,100		
	Expenses	14,534	14,534		
	Law Department (\$11,800 from W/S fees)	59,000	47,200	11,800	
	Parking Ticket Clerk - Salary	1	1		
	Supplies	1,000	1,000		
	Worker's Compensation Benefits	140,000	140,000		
	Personnel Board - Clerk	200	200		
	Acct/DP/Procurement/Benefits-Salaries	117,466	97,106	20,360	
	(\$16,360 from W/S fees and \$4,000 from Rubbish Collection Fees)				
	Expenses (\$3,640 from W/S fees)	22,300	18,660	3,640	
	Treasurer - Salaries (\$7,100 from W/S fees)	37,266	30,166	7,100	
	Expenses (\$1,000 from W/S fees)	6,450	5,450	1,000	
	Town Clerk-Tax Collector -Salaries	78,746	55,586	23,160	
	(\$15,160 from W/S fees and \$8,000 from Rubbish Collection Fees)				
	Town Postage Account (for all departments)	28,000	22,400	5,600	
	(\$5,600 from W/S fees)				
	Expenses (\$3,960 from W/S fees)	18,900	14,940	3,960	
	Election Commission - Salaries	2,460	2,460		
	Expenses	11,640	11,640		
	Assessors - Salaries	59,780	59,780		
	Expenses	13,650	13,650		
	Outside Services	38,000	38,000		
	Board of Appeals - Secretary	2,575	2,575		
	Expenses	2,212	2,212		
	Planning Board - Secretary	1,236	1,236		
	Expenses	500	500		
	Contributory Retirement	1,660,415	1,509,040	151,375	
	(\$151,375 from W/S fees)				
	Non-Contributory Retirement	240,000	218,375	21,625	
	(\$21,625 from water/sewer fees)				
	Police - Salaries	1,750,250	1,750,250		
	Selective Enforcement	5,758	5,758		
	School Traffic Supervisors	60,790	60,790		
	Expenses	149,059	149,059		
	Police Vehicles	84,000	84,000		
	Fire - Salaries	1,747,284	1,747,284		
	Expenses	71,842	71,842		
	Lynn Dispatch	60,000	60,000		
	Training	10,000	10,000		
	Harbormaster - Salary	5,665	5,665		
	Expenses	2,631	2,631		
	Civil Defense - Salary	1,159	1,159		
	Expenses	1,629	1,629		
	Sealer of Weights & Measures - Salary	5,305	5,305		
	Expenses	535	535		
	Constable - Salary	100	100		

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET

46	Building/Plumbing/Gas Inspector-Salaries	66,202	66,202		
47	Expenses	3,000	3,000		
48	Wire Inspector - Salaries	26,261	26,261		
49	Expenses	10,510	10,510		
50	Conservation Commission - Expenses	800	800		
51	Insurance	1,556,760	1,508,774	47,986	
	(\$47,986 from water/sewer fees)				
52	Health Department - Salaries	50,970	42,970	8,000	
	(\$8,000 from Rubbish Collection fees)				
53	Consultants/Contractual	57,540	57,540		
54	Expenses	1,895	1,895		
55	Inspections and Tests	5,435	5,435		
56	Rubbish and Recyclables Collections	593,600		593,600	
	(Funded by a Rubbish Collection Fee)				
57	Animal Control Officer - Salary	25,462	25,462		
58	Expenses	1,550	1,550		
59	Boarding Animals/Pound Supplies	1,500	1,500		
60	Public Works - General Salaries	325,739	325,739		
61	General Expenses	133,024	133,024		
62	Snow and Ice	75,000	75,000		
63	Highway Maintenance	55,000	55,000		
	(Includes money for Chapter 497 work and repairs to private roads)				
64	Water/Sewer Salaries	516,163		516,163	
65	Water/Sewer Expenses	91,350		91,350	
66	MWRA/Lynn Water	579,000		579,000	
67	Water System Improvements	250,000		250,000	
68	Wastewater Operations	800,000		800,000	
	(#64-68 funded through Water/Sewer fees)				
69	Cemetery - Salaries	150,408	120,408	30,000	
	(\$30,000 from Cemetery Receipts)				
70	Cemetery Expenses	13,538	13,538		
71	Administration Building - Salaries	71,784	47,784	24,000	
	(\$24,000 from W/S fees)				
72	Administration Building - Expenses	18,055	11,515	6,540	
	(\$6,540 from W/S fees)				
73	DPW Special Accounts	107,000	107,000		
74	Recreation Commission - Salaries	50,785	50,785		
75	Expenses	9,570	9,570		
76	Council on Aging - Salaries	29,486	29,486		
77	Expenses	20,728	20,728		
78	Veterans' Services - Director's Salary	7,000	7,000		
79	Expenses	2,150	2,150		
80	Assistance	10,000	10,000		
81	Debt - Non-Sewer	1,075,267	954,802	120,465	
	(\$120,465 from Water/Sewer Fees)				
82	Debt - Sewer	1,089,331		1,089,331	
	(Funded by \$912,431 - Sewer Debt Override; \$155,900 - DPW Secondary Treatment Acct; \$21,000 - water/sewer fees)				
83	Library - Salaries	224,265	224,265		
84	Expenses	19,800	19,800		
85	Materials	79,750	79,750		
86	Town Reports (\$1,140 from W/S fees)	5,744	4,604	1,140	



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
FY 1998 OPERATING BUDGET

	Telephone Exp.(most depts.)(\$4,000-W/S fees)	20,000	16,000	4,000	
	Street Lighting	155,000	155,000		
	Reserve Fund (\$24,300 from W/S fees)	115,298	90,998	24,300	
	Settlements (\$1,000 from W/S fees)	5,000	4,000	1,000	
	Audit (\$3,400 from W/S fees)	15,000	11,600	3,400	
	Historical Commission	383	383		
	Medicare Tax (\$17,000 from W/S fees)	103,000	86,000	17,000	
	HAWC	2,000	2,000		
	Stabilization/Capital Improvement Fund	209,000	209,000		
	Clerical Pool (\$4,000 from W/S fees)	56,764	52,764	4,000	
	Regional Vocational School	119,421	119,421		
0	School Budget	12,435,307	12,435,307		
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>28,029,772</b>	<b>23,568,877</b>	<b>4,460,895</b>	
3	Salaries of elected officials	1,455	1,455		
5	Unpaid bills	594	594		
	Community Classifieds - \$109.73				
	Logical Solutions - 306.00				
	Eaton Apothecary - 178.61				
3	Transfer from Surplus Revenue-Current Revenue				
	\$620,000				
7	Transfers within various accounts - \$158,500				
	\$9,000 from Fish House Operating Exp. to Snow/Ice				
	\$10,000 from Highway Maintenance to Snow/Ice				
	\$51,000 from Retirement to Snow/Ice				
	\$48,000 from Retirement to Workers Compensation				
	\$24,000 from Retirement to Medicare Tax				
	\$15,000 from Retirement to Employee Health				
	\$1,500 from Benefits Coordinator to Outside Services				
	Annual Operating Budget - FY 1998	28,029,772	23,568,877	4,460,895	
	Capital Improvement Projects - 14 seperate proj.	1,093,000			1,093,000
1	Town Hall - Computer Upgrade	12,500	12,500		
2	Town Hall - Automation of Treasurer's Office	7,625	7,625		
3	Police - Mobile data terminals & PCs	10,500	10,500		
4	Police - Town share of teletype equipment	2,333	2,333		
5	Fire - Hose	3,714	3,714		
7	Fire - Scot Tanks	5,540	5,540		
0	DPW- Painting of water tank	150,000			150,000
2	Recreation - Four widegeon sailboats	11,350	11,350		
7	Selectmen - Collective Bargaining Agreements	164,730	164,730		
9	Personnel Board - Increases & Asst. Assessor	48,772	48,772		
0	Personnel Board - Benefits	7,800	7,800		
M A-1	Selectmen-Collective Bargaining Agreements	48,370	48,370		
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET and ARTICLES:</b>	<b>29,598,055</b>	<b>23,894,160</b>	<b>4,460,895</b>	<b>1,243,000</b>

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the following projects, or take any action relative thereto:

No.	Request	Dept.	Requested	Recommended
98-1	Paving	DPW	75,000	\$75,000
98-2	Railings	DPW	25,000	25,000
98-3	Van	School	28,000	28,000
98-4	Roof-MS	Schools	173,000	173,000
98-5	Doors/Windows	School	25,000	25,000
98-6	Courts/Backstops	Recreation	25,000	25,000
98-7	Computers	Schools	182,000	127,000
98-8	Town Hall Repairs	DPW	20,000	20,000
98-9	Classroom Space	School	200,000	200,000
98-10	Repairs/Completion	Library	131,000	131,000
98-11	Sidewalk-Windsor	DPW	50,000	50,000
98-12	Motorcycles	Police	34,000	34,000
98-13	Equipment-Trucks	DPW	125,000	125,000
98-14	Radios	Police	100,000	55,000
Total			\$1,193,000	\$1,093,000

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Voted Article 9.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$1,093,000 for the purpose specified in this article; further, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow this amount through the issuance of bonds or notes under the appropriate section of the Massachusetts General Laws, and that the Treasurer be authorized to combine this borrowing with any other borrowing authorized by this Town Meeting.

**Unanimous Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the following projects, or take any action relative thereto:

No.	Request	Dept.	Requested	Recommended
98-15	Heating System	Fire	\$ 79,700	0
98-16	HS Underpinning	School	117,500	0
98-17	Town Pier Improve.	DPW	160,000	0
98-18	Lockers & Furniture	Schools	25,000	0
98-19	Computer System	Fire	25,000	0
98-20	New Building	Police	175,000	0
98-21	Leaf Packer	DPW	30,000	0
98-22	Continuation	ADA	25,000	0
98-23	4WD Vehicle	Police	35,000	0
98-24	Bleachers	DPW	250,000	0
Total			\$ 897,000	0

Sponsored by the Capital Improvement Committee

**Voted Article 10.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely. 5/1/97

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for upgrading the Town's integrated computer system, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk/Collector

**Voted Article 11.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, for the automation of the Treasurer's office. This will include the purchase of the Accounts Receivable module for the Town's integrated computer system and an automated check printing and validation machine, or take any action relative thereto.

NOTE: In the Management Letter of last year's town audit the auditor recommends we implement automated "treasurer's receipts" module of MUNIS software, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Town Accountant and Town Treasurer

**Voted Article 12.** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,625 for the purpose stated in the Article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,500.00, by borrowing or otherwise, to qualify for a federal grant (Cop's More 96) in the amount of \$42,000 for the purchase of five mobile data terminals and two personal computers for the Police Department. Said \$10,500.00 to be expended only if the Town is approved to receive the remainder of these funds under this grant program, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Chief of Police

**Voted Article 13.** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,500 for the purpose specified in this article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,333.00, by borrowing or otherwise, to qualify for a state grant (Byrne Grant) in the amount of \$7,000 for the purchase of a teletype system for the Police Department. Said \$2,333.00 to be expended only if the Town is approved to receive the remainder of these funds under this grant program, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Chief of Police

**Voted Article 14.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$2,333 for the purpose specified in this article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to purchase, by borrowing or otherwise, a supply of fire hose for the Fire Department and appropriate the necessary funds, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Chief

**Voted Article 15.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$3,714 for the purpose specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Chief and appropriate the necessary funds to convert the present Scot tanks with life saving sounding devices for the fire fighters, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Chief

**Voted Article 16.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to purchase, by borrowing or otherwise, ten new Scot Tanks, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Chief

**Voted Article 17.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$5,540 for the purpose specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to replace the front apron of the fire station and appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Chief

**Voted Article 18.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to repave the parking lot at Phillips Park, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Public Works

**Voted Article 19.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$150,000, by borrowing or otherwise, to paint the Town's water tank, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Public Works



**Voted Article 20.** That \$150,000 is appropriated to paint the Town's Water Tank, which combined with Article 45 passed on the Warrant of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting, provides a total of \$450,000, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$450,000 under General Laws, Chapter 44; that the Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Public Works is authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state or MWRA aid available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote and that the Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Public Works is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

**Unanimous Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds for the Town's share of the second allocation of the 1996 Transportation Bond issue to be expended by the Public Works Department subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Highway Department pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow (temporarily) the funds in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Public Works

**Voted Article 21.** That this article be approved.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

(Note: No appropriation under this article for FY 1998.)

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, to purchase four Widgeon type sailboats for Swampscott's Sailing Program, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Recreation Commission

**Voted Article 22.** That the town appropriate \$11,350 for the purpose specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Building Project, by transferring from free cash, an amount equal to the amount paid by contractors on the library building project to the Town for permit fees including amounts paid by the General Contractor for the building permit, the Electrical Contractor for the electrical permit, and the Plumbing Contractor for the plumbing permit, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Trustees of the Public Library

**Voted Article 23.** That this article be approved.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote the following:

That the list of streets accepted as public ways and listed among the accepted street in their present configuration by vote passed under Article 43 at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting of 1995 be corrected so as to exclude that portion of Galloupes Point Road beginning at the property line of #70 to the end of the property line of #74, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by Richard Salter, et al.

**Voted Article 24.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/1/97**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Board By Laws to include the position of a full time Assistant Assessor to assist the Board of Assessors, and appropriate the necessary funds, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors

**Voted Article 25.** That the position of Assistant Assessor be created according to a Job Description filed for the position.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to vote to establish that the Treasurer of the Town of Swampscott shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of said Town. The appointment shall be for a term of three (3) years. The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to remove such appointee during the term of office only after hearing for good cause. The incumbent in the office of Treasurer shall continue to hold office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of his term or a prior vacating of office, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer

**Voted Article 26.** This article was defeated. 91, yes. 129 no.

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to provide the funds necessary, by borrowing or otherwise, to implement the collective bargaining agreements between the Board of Selectmen and the various unions under the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 27.** That the town appropriate the sum of \$164,730 for the purpose specified in the article and as follows:

Police - \$ 78,000

Fire - \$ 80,002

Library - \$ 6,728

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to provide the funds necessary, by borrowing or otherwise, to implement the collective bargaining agreements between the School Department personnel and the Town, which includes, but is not limited to, teachers, school administrators, custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical, and non-union employees, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the School Committee

**Voted Article 28.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Job Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel Board By Laws, as it applies to those positions not covered by collective bargaining agreements, and appropriate the necessary funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 29.** (a) That the Job Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel Board By-Laws be amended as it applies to those positions not covered by collective bargaining agreements or the School Department and excepting the positions of Recreation Coordinator and Clerk to the Personnel Board and that the sum of \$18,772 be appropriated therefor.

(b) That the Job Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel Board By-Laws be amended so as to establish the following pay scale for the Assistant Assessor as follows:

Step 1 - \$44,000

Step 2 - \$46,000

Step 3 - \$48,000

Step 4 - \$50,000

Step 5 - \$52,000

and that the sum of \$30,000 be appropriated therefor

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97.**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the town will vote to amend the Personnel Board By Laws, other than the wage and salary classification, as recommended by the Personnel Board, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 30.** That the town amend the Personnel Board By-Laws, other than the wage and salary classification, as they apply to full-time, non-contractual, positions under the Board as follows:

a. To amend Article 10 - Vacation of the Personnel Board By-Laws by adding a new section (d) - Vacation Buy Back. Employees with five (5) weeks of vacation may buy back their fifth week at straight time with a maximum of two (2) weeks buy back in any fiscal year.

b. To amend Article 15 - (a) Personal Leave of the Personnel Board By-Laws by adding a new section (b) - Personal Leave Incentive. Employees using no personal time during the fiscal year receive a lump sum payment of \$300 during the first pay period of July. If one (1) day is used, the employee receives \$200 and if two (2) days are used, receives \$100.

c. To amend Article 17 - Longevity in the following manner:

5 - 10 years service	\$250
10 - 15 years service	\$300
15 - 20 years service	\$350
20 - 25 years service	\$400
25 - 30 years service	\$450
30 years or more	\$500

d. To amend the Personnel Board By-Laws by adding a new section as follows:

Section 18 - Family and Medical Leave. The provisions of The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, are incorporated herein by reference.

and that the sum of \$7,800 be appropriated therefor.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Board By Laws so as to reclassify certain existing positions, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Personnel Board

**Voted Article 31.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L.Ch. 32 Section 20 Subsection (6) (a) added by Section 53 of Ch. 38 of the Acts of 1995, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Retirement Board

**Voted Article 32.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V, Section 14, of the Town of Swampscott General By Laws to read as follows:

"Section 14. No person owning, harboring or having custody and control of a dog shall permit such dog to be at large in the Town of Swampscott except as follows, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner, except it be on the premises of another person with the knowledge and absent of such other persons. Any dog elsewhere shall at all times (24 hours a day) be controlled or restrained by any chain or leash and be under the direct control and supervision of its owner or his designee. No person owning, harboring, or having custody and control of a dog shall suffer, permit or allow such dog to be in any park, playground, beach, public common or municipal recreation area in the Town of Swampscott. Dogs are allowed on public beaches for the purpose of exercise and play only between October 1 and May 20 and the following restrictions apply: Dogs must be accompanied by the owner/keeper at all times. Dogs must be leashed to and from the high water mark. From the high water mark to the water's edge dogs may be off the leash, but under direct control and supervision of the owner/keeper. The pooper/scooper By Law will apply to the water's edge. Seeing eye and hearing assist dogs are exempt. The owner/keeper will be responsible for the behavior and actions of the dog. Public safety and safety and well being of other dogs will be observed at all times. Harassment of wildlife is forbidden. Any dog deemed a nuisance, safety or health hazard by the Animal Control Officer will be barred from all public beaches. Any owner/keeper who willfully returns a dog to any public beach for any purpose that has been previously barred will be fined by the Animal Control Officer. Fines established for violation of this By Law are as follows: first offense, \$25.00; second and subsequent offense, \$50.00 (Adopted 5/92)", or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by The Animal Control Officer and the Recreation Commission

**Voted Article 33.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**



**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the land described herein to the Chief Procurement Officer, or his designee, for the purpose of sale and to see the following Town owned land, for not less than the listed price authorized by the Town Meeting, preserving all easements currently held by the Town and with the condition that the land shall not be used alone, or in combination with other land, to create an additional buildable lot or provide for an additional dwelling unit.

Plate 21, Lot 1N, 5,662 sq. ft., located to the rear of 190 Puritan Road and 10 Smith Lane, for a minimum of \$6,200, assessed value \$10,800 or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Swampscott Land Use Trustees

**Voted Article 34.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to abolish the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds as established under M.G.L.A. Chapter 41, Section 45, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 35.** That the Town petition the State Legislature for the action as specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to change the wording in Article 4, Section 17, of the General By Laws to read as follows:

"The town engineer shall assign numbers to all buildings or parts thereof on or near the line of public or private ways within the town and a list of such numbers shall be at all times on file in his office.

It shall be the duty of every owner and/or occupant of each house; building and/or other structure within the Town of Swampscott to place thereon the number of said house, building or structure.

The size, color, location and visibility of said number shall be as follows:

1. The minimum height of said number shall be three and one-half (3½) inches in height.
2. In order to be visible from the road, street or way, the number(s) shall be of a contrasting color.
3. The number(s) shall be affixed to the front door, or as close to the front door as possible; or if the front door does not face the road, street or way, such number(s) shall be affixed in a manner to be easily read from such road, street or way.
4. Where there are multiple houses, buildings or structures, located off the road on private ways, roads or lanes, the number(s) shall be placed at the following locations:
  - a) The number(s) shall be affixed to a post at the entrance to said private way, road or lane.
  - b) If the house, building or structure is so far off the public way causing the numbers to be unidentifiable, a post with the number(s) affixed thereto shall also be placed at the entrance to the driveway leading to the house, building or structure.

Any person, firm or corporation found not be in compliance with the provisions of this section, shall be liable to pay a fine not to exceed twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each violation. A separate offense shall be deemed committed one each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. All building, fire, electrical, or health inspectors or their designees, in addition to the police department, shall be enforcing officers for the provisions of this section",

or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Fire Chief

**Voted Article 36.** That the General By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott be amended as specified in the article.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By Law of the Town of Swampscott as follows:

By deleting in two places from paragraph 5 of Section 3 of Article IV, Height, Area and Yard Regulations, the words "or assessed as separate parcels",  
or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Planning Board

**Voted Article 37.** That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott by deleting the words "or assessed" in two places from Subsection 5 of Section 3 of Article IV, Height, Area and Yard regulations.

**Unanimous Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By Law of the Town of Swampscott as follows:

a) By adding paragraph 23 to Article 11, Definitions, as follows:

"23. A "home occupation is an accessory use which by custom has been carried on entirely within the dwelling unit, and is incidental and subordinate to the dwelling use. Home occupations include the office or studio of members of recognized trades, services or professions residing on the premises. Home occupations shall not include animal hospitals, animal breeding, beauty shops, barber shops, contractor's yards, dancing schools, junk yards, massage parlors, restaurants, rental outlets, vehicle repair shops or other similar uses."

b) By adding paragraph 6 to Section 1 or Article 111, Use Regulations, as follows:

"6. Home Occupations shall be permitted, provided a Special Permit is obtained from the Board of Appeals as provided in this section and in Article VI, Section 5. Additionally, the following criteria shall also apply:

- a) Not more than 25% of the gross floor area, not to exceed 600 square feet (whichever is smaller) is to be devoted to such use.
- b) The proprietor of the home occupation shall own the home and shall reside on the premises.
- c) Not more than one person other than residents of the dwelling shall be employed on the premises.
- d) Off-street parking shall be provided in compliance with subsection 1 of Article 111, Section 9, of these by laws. In addition, one off-street space shall be provided for the non-resident employee.
- e) No advertising signage shall be permitted.
- f) There shall be no exterior storage of goods or wares.
- g) There shall be no visible display of goods or wares.
- h) There shall be no sale of merchandise from the premises.
- i) The premises occupied shall not be rendered objectionable or detrimental to the residential character of the neighborhood due to the exterior appearance, emission of odor, gas, smoke, dust, noise or electrical disturbance.
- j) No portion of the dwelling structure, exterior appearance or grounds shall be modified in any way for the purpose of the home occupation.
- k) There shall be no more than two commercial vehicles parked on the premises; one may be parked in the driveway and the other shall be garaged.

The parking of a commercial vehicle in a residential district is subject to the following additional regulations

1. The vehicle(s) shall not exceed  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton capacity as defined by Manufacturer's rating.
2. The vehicle(s) shall be permitted only if used as a means of transportation.
3. The vehicle(s) shall not be loaded with flammable, noxious, dangerous or unsightly materials.

- l) The Board of Selectmen shall establish an annual home occupation fee", or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Planning Board

**Voted Article 38.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By Law of the Town of Swampscott as follows:

By deleting Article IV Section 1A. in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"Section 1A. Lots in Common or Separate Ownership

Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements of the zoning by law shall not apply to a lot for single or two family residential use which at the time of recording or endorsement, which ever occurs or occurred sooner, was not held in common ownership with any adjoining land, conformed to then existing requirements and had less than the proposed requirement but at least four thousand (4,000) square feet of area and fifty (50) feet of frontage.

Any lot which at the time of recording or endorsement, whichever occurs or occurred sooner, had less than four thousand (4,000) square feet of area or less than fifty (50) feet of frontage shall not be built upon.

Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirement of a zoning by law shall not apply for a period of one (1) year after January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight to a lot for single or two family residential use, provided the plan for such lot was recorded or endorsed and such lot was held in common ownership with adjoining land and conformed to the existing area, frontage, width, yard and depth zoning requirements of January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and provided that said one year period does not commence prior to January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and provided that said one year period does not commence

prior to January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, and provided further that the provisions of this sentence shall not apply to more than three (3) of such adjoining lots held in common ownership.

On any lot made buildable by this provision, any new construction, whether a house, accessory building or other, must comply with front, side, and rear yard set backs, and coverage limitation, as required by the current (that is, current at the time of building permit application) zoning by law for the zoning district in which the lot is located.

On lots adjacent to any lot made buildable by this provision, existing buildings must be in compliance with the current (that is, current at the time of building permit application for the newly buildable lot) zoning set back requirements in order for new construction to occur on the grandfathered lot", or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Planning Board

**Voted Article 39.** That the subject matter of this Article be referred back to the Planning Board for further study.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, by borrowing or otherwise, under any general or special law which authorizes the Town to raise money by borrowing or otherwise, such sums of money as may be necessary for any and all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 40.** That action on this article be postponed indefinitely.

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**



## TOWN WARRANT

**Essex, ss.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Swampscott in said county:

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to assemble in the auditorium at Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott, on Thursday, the first day of May, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., then and there to act on the following article, viz:

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. on May 1, 1997.

Town Clerk Jack L. Paster read the Return of Service as follows:

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs by posting an attested copy thereof at the Town Administration Building, at the Post Office, and at least two public and conspicuous places in each precinct in the Town, and at or in the immediate vicinity of the Swampscott Railroad Station. Said posting was done on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, and not less than fourteen (14) days before the date appointed for said meeting.

Kent F. Murphy  
Constable of Swampscott

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To the Town Meeting Members:

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Town of Swampscott that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 1997, beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium at Temple Beth El, 55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

Moderator Martin C. Goldman will preside.

### Meeting Certification

I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting of May 1, 1997 was called to order at 7:51 p.m. with the necessary quorum present (194). At 7:52 it was voted to adjourn the Special Town Meeting until action on Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting was on the table.

The adjourned Special Town Meeting of May 1, 1997 was called to order at 8:15 p.m. with the necessary quorum present (194). At 8:32 p.m. it was voted to dissolve the Special Town Meeting of May 1, 1997.

### **Action under the Article**

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to provide the funds necessary to implement the collective bargaining agreements between the Board of Selectmen and the various unions under the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

**Voted Article 1.** That the Town appropriate the sum of \$48,370 for the purposes set forth in the Article as follows:

<b>DPW -</b>	<b>\$30,697</b>
<b>Admin. Bldg. -</b>	<b>\$ 1,445</b>
<b>Town Hall -</b>	<b>\$16,228</b>

**Majority Vote. 5/5/97**



## TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT - TOWN MEETING ATTENDANCE - 1997

	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05		
1	Addis, Arlene	404 Paradise Rd. L-PHP	X	X	X		
1	Addis, David	400 Paradise Rd. L-PHP	X	X	X		
1	Alpert, Julius H.	400 Paradise Rd. C-2G	X	X	O		
1	Baldacci, Richard	43 Sampson Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Bates, Wallace	73 Foster Rd.	O	O	X		
1	Bickford, Barbara	18 Foster Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Blonder, Jeffrey S.	15 Shackle Way	X	X	X		
1	Brenner, Lawrence	44 Elwin St.	X	X	X		
1	Chaves, Jonas H.	27 Gooseneck Lane	X	X	X		
1	Corso, Brenda	51 Windsor Ave.	X	X	X		
1	Cropley, John H. Jr.	14 Tidd St.	X	X	X		
1	Daley, John R.	65 Carson Ter.	X	X	X		
1	Dellisanti, Ann	5 Capstan Way	X	O	X		
1	Dellisanti, Anthony	5 Capstan Way	X	O	X		
1	DiFilippo, Leandro	32 Nichols St.	X	O	O		
1	DiLisio, Vincent R.	1 Alvin Rd.	X	X	X		
1	DiPietro, John A.	94 Eastman Ave.	X	X	X		
1	Dodge, Cabot W.	44 Nichols St.	O	O	O		
1	Dodge, Judith	51 Sampson Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Dube, Angela	209 Windsor Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Dube, John	209 Windsor Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Genest, Lee Bartlett	47 Elwin St.	X	X	O		
1	Gingle, Marsha	53 Burpee Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Harris, Ethel	35 Dead Eye Run	O	O	O		
1	Hyde, Sally	10 Overhill Rd.	X	X	O		
1	Hyde, William R.	10 Overhill Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Irvine, Anna	10 Vaughn Pl.	X	X	X		
1	Johnson, Maryalice	49 Windsor Ave.	X	X	O		
1	Kaloust, Gerald	262 Essex St.	X	O	O		
1	Kaloust, Roberta	262 Essex St.	X	O	O		
1	Kearney, Sheila P.	14 Shackle Way	X	X	X		
1	Leger, J. Arthur	44 Foster Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Leonard, Timothy M.	141 Eastman Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Losano, Paul M.	33 Carson Ter.	X	X	X		
1	Marrs, Mary Reagan	12 Capstan Way	X	X	X		
1	McIntosh, Priscilla	250 Essex St.	X	X	O		
1	McIntosh, Richard T.	250 Essex St.	X	X	X		
1	Montague, Neil	14 Capstan Way	X	X	X		
1	Patrikas, Ted	1006 Paradise Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Perry, Robert E.	6 MacArthur Cir.	O	O	X		
1	Picariello, John	53 Carson Ter.	X	X	X		
1	Picariello, Lawrence	40 Eastman Ave.	X	X	X		
1	Plum, Martin	19 Gooseneck Lane	O	O	X		
1	Ruscitti, Eugene	132 Eastman Ave.	O	O	O		
1	Smith, Debra	20 MacArthur Cir.	X	X	X		
1	Speranza, Alfred C.	1 Martin St.	O	O	X		
1	Speranza, Frances M.	1 Martin St.	O	O	X		
1	Speropolous, Cynthia	137 Eastman Ave.	X	O	X		
1	Stark, Madeline	421 Essex St.	X	X	X		
1	Vinclette, Ronald	104 Windsor Ave.	O	O	X		
1	Whelton, Linda	1006 Paradise Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Whelton, Peter	1006 Paradise Rd.	X	X	X		
1	Whittier, Douglas	1 Bickford Way	X	X	X		
1	Yanofsky, Phillip S.	400 Paradise Rd. C-PHK	X	X	O		

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	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05
2	Barden, Eugene	316 Paradise Road	X	X	X
2	Bartlett, Lorraine M.	34 Farragut Road	X	X	X
2	Bowen, David	109 Norfolk Avenue	X	X	X
2	Breen, Kevin	47 Paradise Road	X	X	X
2	Breen, Leslie	47 Paradise Road	X	X	O
2	Cameron, Janell A.	97 Farragut Road	X	X	X
2	Cassidy, Peter J.	8 Banks Road	O	O	O
2	Clain, Christopher	62 Thomas Road	X	X	X
2	Coletti, John M.	59 Norfolk Ave.	X	X	X
2	Collins, Henry Jr.	10 Duke Street	X	X	O
2	Costin, Timothy	18 Berkshire Street	X	X	X
2	Cross, David	110 Norfolk Avenue	X	X	O
2	DeFelice, Nicholas	346 Essex Street	X	X	O
2	Doherty, Daniel E.	133 Norfolk Avenue	O	X	X
2	Doherty, John J.	5 Ellis Road	X	X	X
2	Foye, David	55 Norfolk Ave.	X	X	O
2	Greeley, Herbert	10 Berkshire Street	X	X	X
2	Gregory, John	29 Franklin Avenue	O	O	O
2	Howard, Alice C.	12 Elmwood Road	X	X	X
2	Jackson, Lorene	11 Longwood Dr.	X	X	X
2	Kelley, Laurence M.	92 Paradise Road	O	O	O
2	Kyriakakis, Carole	90 Mountwood Road	X	X	O
2	LaConte, Karen	10 Brewster Terrace	O	O	X
2	LaConte, Louise	10 Brewster Terrace	X	X	X
2	LaConte, Vincent	10 Brewster Terrace	X	O	X
2	Lamando, Patricia	101 Eastman Avenue	O	X	X
2	Lyons, Wendy	125 Norfolk Avenue	X	X	X
2	MacLaurin, Jeanne M.	71 Thomas Road	X	X	O
2	Magee, Kathleen J.	29 Andrew Rd.	X	X	X
2	Marcou, Martha	80 Franklin Avenue	X	X	X
2	Marcou, Thomas	80 Franklin Avenue	X	X	X
2	Mariano, Paula	8 Brewster Terrace	X	X	X
2	Markarian, Joseph Jr.	85 Stetson Ave.	X	O	X
2	Mazman, Albert	52 Middlesex Ave.	X	X	X
2	McFarlane, Ann B.	21 Hampshire Street	X	X	X
2	McHugh, Marc G.	68 Mountwood Road	X	X	O
2	Newhall, Linda	14 Nantucket Avenue	X	X	X
2	Newhall, Walter E.	14 Nantucket Avenue	X	X	X
2	Palleschi, Edward	1 Ellis Rd.	X	X	X
2	Paster, Jack L.	20 Hampden Street	X	X	X
2	Pitman, Michael M.	143 Stetson Avenue	O	O	O
2	Reardon, Ellen M.	82 Norfolk Ave.	X	X	O
2	Romano, John	2 Paton Terrace	X	X	O
2	Sainato, Maryann T.	17 Barnstable St.	X	X	X
2	Shanahan, Joseph E.	4 Paton Terrace	X	X	X
2	Siegal, Lisa M.	17 Andrew Road	O	X	O
2	Souppa, Ralph A. Jr.	36 Andrew Road	X	X	X
2	Spano, Susan	14 Hampshire Street	X	O	X
2	Voyer, Thomas	14 Berkshire Street	O	O	O
2	Waldfoegel, Peter	21 One Salem Street	O	O	X
2	Warnock, Sharyn	55 Berkshire Street	O	O	O
2	Weiss, Bette	20 Parsons Drive	X	X	X
2	Whelan, David Jr.	131 Paradise Road	X	X	X
2	Zicherman, Marjorie	32 One Salem Street	O	O	X



	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05	
3	Baker, Joann	27 Essex Avenue	X	O	O	
3	Banquer, Daniel	43 Maple Ave.	X	X	X	
3	Banquer, Barbara	43 Maple Ave.	X	X	X	
3	Bennett, Ralph E. II	35 Rock Avenue	X	X	X	
3	Bragan, Mary T.	10 Valley Rd.	X	O	X	
3	Buchanan, Susan	84 Roy St.	X	X	X	
3	Callahan, Claire B.	24 Maple Avenue	X	X	O	
3	Callahan, Joseph J. Jr.	24 Maple Avenue	X	O	O	
3	Callahan, Joseph J. Sr.	24 Maple Avenue	X	O	X	
3	Callahan, Michael	24 Maple Avenue	X	X	X	
3	Callahan, Richard M.	2 Pierro Terrace	O	X	O	
3	Campbell, Michael S.	34 Phillips Street	X	X	X	
3	Cassidy, John R.	21 Middlesex Ave.	X	X	X	
3	Chesley, Bruce R.	6 New Ocean Street	O	O	O	
3	Dandreo, Daniel III	46 Rock Avenue	X	X	X	
3	Davis, Murray	30 Kings Beach Terrace	X	X	X	
3	Donnelly, Robert	21 Rock Avenue	X	X	X	
3	Driscoll-Fields, Anne	2 Upland Road	X	X	X	
3	Eldridge, Barbara	15 Maple Avenue	X	X	O	
3	Farwell, Donna L.	17 Phillips Street	X	X	X	
3	Fitzhenry, George	2 Essex Terrace	O	O	O	
3	Hanlon, Toby L.	73 Buena Vista Street	O	O	O	
3	Harrington, Nancy	37 Jessie Street	X	X	X	
3	Harrington, Vera C.	37 Jessie Street	X	X	X	
3	Harrington, William	37 Jessie Street	O	O	O	
3	Herhold, Laura	15 Beach Ave.	X	X	X	
3	Holmes, Betty	86 Cherry Street	X	X	X	
3	Huber, Carol	157 Essex Street	X	X	X	
3	Huber, Richard	157 Essex Street	X	X	X	
3	Jolly, Robert V. Jr.	80 Columbia Street	X	X	X	
3	Kelly, Daniel P.	37 Rock Avenue	O	O	O	
3	Kulesza, Ann M.	69 Essex Street	O	O	O	
3	Lincoln, Loring Jr.	164 Burrill Street	X	X	X	
3	Lincoln, Maria F.	164 Burrill Street	O	X	X	
3	Luke, Gerald	9 Valley Road	X	X	X	
3	Maitland, Richard J.	33 Roy Street	O	O	O	
3	McCoy, Gina	74 Humphrey Street	O	X	X	
3	McCoy, Robert P.	74 Humphrey Street	O	O	X	
3	McGrain, Maureen E.	5 New Ocean Street	X	X	X	
3	Miserandino, Martin	42 Essex Avenue	X	X	O	
3	Moltz, Sandra	9 New Ocean Street	X	X	X	
3	Murphy, Jeremiah V. III	40 Roy Street	O	O	O	
3	Murray, Susan	19 New Ocean Street	X	X	O	
3	Pacak, Linda	34 Maple Avenue	X	X	X	
3	Perry, Gerard	64 Burpee Road	X	X	X	
3	Raymond, Agnes	30 Pitman Road	O	O	O	
3	Raymond, John	30 Pitman Road	O	O	O	
3	Stone, James S. Sr.	55 Buena Vista Street	X	X	X	
3	Thompson, Mark J.	48 Norfolk Avenue	O	X	X	
3	Vinard, Ellen	30 Phillips Street	X	X	X	
3	Weinstein, Michael J.	6 Superior Street	X	O	O	
3	Wondolowski, Mitchell	15 Beach Ave.	X	X	O	
3	Yanofsky, Beth	31 Maple Avenue	X	X	X	
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## TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT - TOWN MEETING ATTENDANCE - 1997

	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05
4	Baker, Janet N.	29 Rockland Street	X	O	O
4	Balliro, Anita	140 Elmwood Road	X	X	O
4	Balsama, Joseph	23 Sherwood Road	X	X	X
4	Bartram, Glenn D.	39 Grant Rd.	X	X	X
4	Beatrice, Peter R. III	31 Brooks Terrace	X	X	X
4	Bessom, Richard	163 Aspen Rd.	X	X	X
4	Boggs, Deborah A.	31 Greenwood Terrace	X	X	X
4	Breitborde, Mary Lou	39 Blaney Street	O	O	O
4	Buckley, Marcus	56 Walker Road	X	X	X
4	Burke, Susan E.	92 Fuller Avenue	X	O	X
4	Bush, Ann M.	34 King Street	X	X	X
4	Carmichael, Joseph	7 Millett Road	O	O	O
4	Cassidy, F.J. Jr.	201 Humphrey Street	X	X	O
4	Cassidy, Marilyn	201 Humphrey Street	X	O	X
4	Cressy, William	61 Devens Road	X	X	O
4	DiMento, Carol AG	64 Bay View Drive	X	X	O
4	DiMento, William R.	64 Bay View Drive	X	X	X
4	Donelan, Robert E.	295 Forest Avenue	X	X	X
4	Driscoll, Thomas H. Jr.	12 Banks Terrace	X	X	X
4	Drummond, Brian	153 Redington Street	X	X	X
4	Drummond, Ellen	153 Redington Street	X	X	X
4	Falco, Michael	142 Redington St.	X	X	X
4	Gookin, Kevin	86 Rockland St.	X	X	O
4	Goudreau, Connie	61 Greenwood Avenue	X	X	X
4	Heestand, Janet	14 Bay View Drive	X	X	X
4	Heffernan, Philip L.	2 Burke Drive	X	X	X
4	Hughes, Jack	8 Brooks Terrace	X	X	O
4	Hughes, Nancy T.	8 Brooks Terrace	X	O	X
4	Kelliher, Martha Gene	11 Outlook Road	X	X	X
4	Krippendorf, Edward W. Jr.	11 Mapledale Place	X	X	X
4	Krippendorf, Edward W. Sr.	11 Mapledale Place	X	X	X
4	Lagasse, Maria	154 Aspen Road	X	X	X
4	Leahy, Matthew	54 Redington Street	X	X	O
4	Leger, Michael A.	312 Humphrey Street	X	X	O
4	Mauriello, Christopher	55 Blaney St.	X	X	O
4	McNerney, Cynthia F.	374 Humphrey Street	X	X	X
4	Murphy, Robert W.	93 Redington Street	X	X	X
4	O'Brien, Laurie	11 Fuller Avenue	X	X	X
4	Phelan, John V. III	75 Banks Road	X	X	X
4	Portnoy, Linda	11 Brooks Terrace	O	O	X
4	Powers, James	181 Redington Street	O	X	X
4	Reagan, John	25 Brooks Terrace	X	X	X
4	Santanello, Daniel R.	15 Arbutus Rd.	X	X	X
4	Scolamiero, Dennis	182 Redington Street	X	X	X
4	Shanahan, Patricia	48 King Street	X	X	X
4	Shanahan, William	48 King Street	X	X	X
4	Somer-Small, Margaret	32 Bay View Avenue	O	O	O
4	Squires, Deborah	29 Lexington Circle	X	O	X
4	Squires, John Jr.	29 Lexington Circle	X	O	X
4	Weaver, Sharon	146 Aspen Road	X	O	O
4	Williams, Tracy	7 Blaney Circle	X	X	X
4	Wilson, Christine	60 Greenwood Avenue	O	X	X
4	Wilson, Richard J.	60 Greenwood Ave.	O	O	X
4	Withrow, Mary Susan B.	27 Greenwood Avenue	X	X	X



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	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05		
5	Ackerman, Edward D.	11 Arbutus Road	X	X	X		
5	Belhumeur, Cynthia H.	423 Puritan Road	X	X	X		
5	Belhumeur, R. Thomas	423 Puritan Road	X	X	X		
5	Bermani, Doris P.	1 Tupelo Road	X	X	X		
5	Butters, John D. Jr.	53 Pleasant Street	X	O	X		
5	Carden, Joyce	29 Prospect Ave.	X	X	X		
5	Cerra, Anthony Jr.	15 Sargent Road	X	X	X		
5	Cotellessa, Anne	74 Aspen Road	X	X	X		
5	Cropley-Backstrom, Nancy	517 Humphrey Street	X	X	X		
5	Dalton, Irene	37 Aspen Road	X	X	X		
5	Devlin, Michael	23 Puritan Lane	X	X	X		
5	Eckman, Margaret F.	12 Puritan Lane	X	X	X		
5	Facella, Mia	52 Millett Road	X	X	X		
5	Gallo, Louis	4 Priscilla Road	O	X	X		
5	Greenberg, Harvey	10 Charlotte Road	X	X	X		
5	Greenberg, Linda	10 Charlotte Road	X	X	X		
5	Hegan, Betty Ann	58 Millett Road	O	X	X		
5	Hennessey, Mersine	23 Puritan Rd.	X	X	X		
5	Hennessey, William	23 Puritan Road	X	X	X		
5	Hogan, Brian	5 Puritan Ln.	X	X	X		
5	Kalman, June	49 Ocean View Road	X	X	X		
5	Karas, Melvin A.	89 Kensington Lane	X	X	X		
5	Karwowski, John R.	2 Prospect Avenue	X	X	X		
5	Kiely, Leslie	14 Arbutus Road	X	X	X		
5	Klimasara, Julliete	12 Shelton Road	O	X	O		
5	Lien, Kathryn	70 Millett Rd.	X	O	X		
5	MacCallum, Janice	19 Charlotte Road	X	O	X		
5	Maitland, Richard E.	39 Ross Road	X	X	X		
5	Nellis, Veeder C.	16 Beverly Road	X	X	X		
5	Paster, Glenn P.	26 Prospect Avenue	X	X	O		
5	Patkin, Randall	34 Ross Road	X	X	X		
5	Picone, Steven L.	53 Magnolia Road	X	X	X		
5	Pye, Darlene D.	62 Ocean View Drive	X	X	X		
5	Reardon, Carl D.	25 Glen Road	X	X	X		
5	Rogers, Roberta	31 Beverly, Road	X	X	X		
5	Scibelli, Anthony A.	115 Aspen Rd.	X	X	X		
5	Shapiro, Mary S.	63 Magnolia Road	O	X	X		
5	Sheffer, Michael G.	20 Ocean View Road	X	X	X		
5	Shore, Geraldine	50 Ocean View Road	X	O	X		
5	Shore, Warren J.	50 Ocean View Road	X	X	X		
5	Smith, Diane G.	53 Walnut Road	X	X	O		
5	Smullin, Alix	22 Woodbine Avenue	X	X	X		
5	Smullin, Joseph	22 Woodbine Avenue	X	X	X		
5	Stein, Harold	54 Pleasant Street	X	X	X		
5	Trufant, Judith	37 Windshaw Road	X	X	X		
5	Tupper, Wayne	24 Lodge Road	O	O	O		
5	Valleriani, Catherine	515 Humphrey Street	X	X	X		
5	Vatcher, Howard	65 Pleasant St.	X	X	X		
5	Vatcher, Teresa	65 Pleasant St.	X	X	X		
5	Whittemore, Ann M.	15 Winshaw Road	X	X	X		
5	Wilson, Robert	55 Shelton Road	X	X	X		
5	Winston, Alice J.	36 Walnut Road	O	O	O		
5	Yanoff, Audrey	58 Pleasant Street	X	X	X		
5	Zeller, David	37 Walnut Road	X	X	X		



	Name	Address	April 30	May 01	May 05		
6	Allen, Douglas F.	165 Phillips Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Bane, Richard C.	21 Phillips Beach Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Bane, Tami	21 Phillips Beach Avenue	X	O	O		
6	Bayard, Susan	4 Hawthorne Road	X	X	X		
6	Belkin, Sylvia	35 Beach Bluff Avenue	O	X	X		
6	Burke, John F.	28 Littles Point Road	X	X	X		
6	Callahan, James C.	10 Palmer Rd.	X	X	X		
6	Cassidy, Reid J.	24 Crosman Ave.	X	X	X		
6	Cleveland, Pamela	30 Forest Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Cohen, Irwin	1 Hawthorne Road	X	X	X		
6	Dembowski, Claire C.	42 Beach Bluff Avenue	X	X	O		
6	DiLisio, Heidi	1050 Humphrey Street	O	O	O		
6	DiLisio, Robert E.	1050 Humphrey Street	X	X	X		
6	Duncan, Susan	24 Lincoln Circle	X	X	O		
6	Dusseault, Barbara R.	74 Dale Street	X	X	X		
6	Erich, Norman A.	63 Linden Avenue	X	X	O		
6	Feinberg, Richard R.	12 Bradlee Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Feldman, Saul J.	18 Shepard Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Goldberg, Arthur	180 Bradlee Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Goldberg, Debrah	6 Littles Point Road	X	X	X		
6	Greenberg, Lynne H.	81 Dennison Avenue	X	X	O		
6	Gupta, Mary MK	48 Atlantic Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Herwitz, Carla	44 Phillips Beach Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Herwitz, David	44 Phillips Beach Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Kessler, Libby	864 Humphrey Street	X	X	X		
6	Kessler, Nelson	864 Humphrey Street	X	X	X		
6	Klaman, Barbara	30 Littles Point Road	X	X	X		
6	Klayman, Nancy	7 Morton Road	X	X	X		
6	Koidin, Jill	5 Palmer Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Kraft, Lori	56 Blodgett Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Kravetz, Myer	20 Longley Avenue	O	X	O		
6	Kravetz, Phyllis	20 Longley Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Kravtin, Patricia	57 Phillips Ave.	X	X	X		
6	Lack, Janet C.	88 Phillips Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Levenson, Paul E.	63 Shepard Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Levenson, Sheryl	63 Shepard Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Locke, Judith E.	15 Dennison Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Maloney, Betty Ann	933 Humphrey Street	O	O	O		
6	Merkle, Cynthia	44 Dale St.	X	X	X		
6	New, James	264 Atlantic Avenue	X	X	X		
6	Nigrelli, Eugene	93 Stanley Road	X	X	X		
6	Oppenheim, Reeva	28 Puritan Park	X	X	X		
6	Pitman, Martha B.	23 Nason Rd.	X	X	X		
6	Pollison, Sharon	30 Stanwood Road	X	X	X		
6	Raskauskas, Kelly G.	12 Allen Road	X	X	X		
6	Reichert, Leslie E.	945 Humphrey St.	X	X	X		
6	Rossmann, Neil	455 Puritan Road	X	X	X		
6	Rudolph, James	53 Phillips Beach Avenue	X	O	X		
6	Shulkin, Catherine F.	16 Blodgett Ave.	X	X	X		
6	Shutzer, Carole B.	32 Allen Road	X	X	X		
6	Shutzer, Kenneth B.	32 Allen Road	X	X	X		
6	Taymore, Cyndy	4 Francis Road	X	X	X		
6	Watson, Brian T.	38 Stanwood Rd.	O	X	X		
6	Weaver, Walter	25 Dale Street	O	X	O		

# TOWN COLLECTOR and COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jack L. Paster

## IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT - 1997

### COLLECTIONS:

Real Estate Taxes	\$20,402,022.05
Personal Property Taxes	295,617.40
Automobile Excise Taxes	1,300,560.61
Rubbish Collection Fees	638,338.94
Water Use Charges	2,639,481.81
Water Liens (1/1/97 - 6/30/97)	1,626.65
Sewer Assessments	11,749.38
Water Service Charges	16,616.67
Harbor Mooring Fees	8,094.00
Boat Excise Taxes	4,402.50

### Departmental Accounts Receivables:

Departmental Receipts through Collector's	
CASH System (7/1/97 - 12/31/97)	222,213.47
Pensions	29,457.95
School Tuition	732,803.70
Rentals (Fish House, DAR etc.)	29,194.00
Fire Alarm Box Fees	7,800.00
Foster Dam Bus Fees	1,200.00

### Interest and Charges:

NOTE: Interest and Charges are now included in the above figures for the major categories.

Other Interest/Fees/Charges and Demand	13,864.43
Reg. of Motor Vehicles Mark & Clear Fees	15,592.46

Filing Fees for Board of Appeals/Planning Board	
and Earth Removal Committee (1/1/97 - 6/30/97)	4,950.00
Fees for By-Law Packages (1/1/97 - 6/30/97)	1,018.00
Fees for Copying/Certifying Public Records	6,017.20
Certificates of Municipal Lien Prepared/Issued - 703	
Fees for Preparing Cert. of Municipal Lien	17,575.00
Fines Assessed on Returned Checks	2,043.60

Collector's Cash Management Interest Earnings	20,285.59
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### Total Collected

January 1 to December 31, 1997	\$26,422,885.41
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## TREASURER

I would like to express my gratitude to the residents of the Town of Swampscott for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Treasurer for the Town of Swampscott. I will look back at my tenure as Treasurer with much satisfaction knowing that I participated in the process and hopefully made a few changes that mattered. I have made friends and come to appreciate the hard work of the dedicated staff serving the public in Town Hall. These people have been helpful and supportive and I wish them well in the future.

It has been an honor to serve as your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Whelan, Jr.

# TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT

In Account with the Town of Swampscott:

Balance on Hand January 1, 1997	4,804,383.53
Receipts and Income from all sources	34,036,501.47
Less Warrants Paid (Payroll/Vendors)	32,940,690.44
Balance on Hand December 31, 1997	5,900,194.56
Interest Income earned during 1997	262,902.64

## TRUST FUNDS - SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNTS

FUND I.D.	Bal. 1/1/97	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawal	Bal. 12/31/97
<b>School:</b>					
Phillips Medal	2,360	—	118	110	2,368
<b>Cemetery:</b>					
Gifts & Bequests	119,138	2,700	6,688	—	128,526
Perpetual Care	179,245	36,600	11,254	—	227,099
<b>Library:</b>					
General	49,871	—	3,482	—	53,353
R.B. Johnson	175	—	3	103	75
Hussey	115,719	—	8,129	34,606	89,242
Linscott	540,464	165,000	12,802	700,234	18,032
<b>Police:</b>					
Drug Enforcement	905	—	26	—	931
Law Enforcement	320	2,500	130	—	2,950
D.A.R.E.	30,347	18,185	1,617	10,470	39,679
COPS FAST	17,840	8,678	1,287	—	27,805
COPS MORE '96	—	34,439	123	—	34,562
Community Policing	23,311	23,000	1,080	13,231	34,160
<b>Special Funds:</b>					
Conservation	56,238	553	4,177	—	60,968
Stabilization	150,324	—	8,333	—	158,657
Performance Bonds	33,124	22,000	1,932	26,250	30,806
War Memorial	3,138	1,772	66	4,400	576



## **ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT**

Gene J. Nigrelli - Town Accountant  
Dyan Katz - Assistant to the Town Accountant  
Karen Prodo - Benefits Coordinator

The Accounting Department in the Town of Swampscott is responsible for four separate functions.

### **1) Accounting**

Payroll, accounts payable, auditing, general ledger bookkeeping, state reporting, financial reporting, expenditure control and revenue monitoring.

My Assistant, Dyan Katz, continues to provide exceptional service in the areas of Payroll, Accounts Payable and Reporting. She is responsible for the timely processing of an annual payroll of \$16,284,000 and the disbursement of over \$12,071,056 in accounts payable bills annually. In addition, Ms. Katz diligently works toward making improvements in these areas, as well as pursuing a college degree in the area of accounting where she presently maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

Dyan Katz is also the secretary to the Finance Committee and has served as the acting Benefits Coordinator. The town's Interdepartmental Assistant, Nancy Lord, has provided outstanding support working in the area of Accounts Payable and Payroll.

The Town Accountant is the Selectmen's appointee on the Swampscott Contributory Retirement Board, Personnel Board and the Cable Advisory Committee.

### **2) Information Services**

The accounting department is responsible for Information Services. We recommend Hardware/Software choices and look to standardize all business systems so we can efficiently exchange data and information from department to department. During the past year the town's computer systems continue to be upgraded. With the continuing decrease of hardware costs we have been able to purchase new equipment while living with existing budgets. We welcome any donated computer equipment from residents.

The town's integrated financial system is MUNIS. This system is installed on a 486 PC with SCO UNIX that acts as a server to units located in Public Works, Clerk Collector, Treasurer and Health offices. Our computer server's hard drive is presently at 95% capacity and will be upgraded. Our system handles Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounting, Trash Billing, Water Billing, Liens, Collections, and Financial Reporting. All Real Estate, Water, and Trash bills are run and printed in-house by the Accounting Department. We are in the process of addressing year 2000 computer issues. Our present Cobol based computer software will be converted to a 4th Generation Language (4GL).

### **3) Procurement**

The town's procurement operation's goal is to maximize value for funds expended. The Town Accountant is the Chief Procurement Officer. Richard Colletti and Kevin Oliver are Procurement Officers for the School Department. Alan Taubert and Sheryl Levenson are the Procurement Officers for Public Works. The procurement process involves receiving and reviewing requisitions, clarifying specifications, preparing requests for quotations and bids, issuing purchase orders, and awarding contracts. Both the School Department and Public Works play a major role in providing supplies and services that other departments also use. In Public Works fuel is purchased and used by numerous town vehicles and billed to individual departments. The School Department coordinates our phone system, heating oil and office supplies contracts. Other departments work through our office on a regular basis for counsel and support.

I am pleased to report that Sheryl Levenson, Richard Colletti and Kevin Oliver have all attained the status of Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Officials for Supplies and Services.

### **4) Benefits and Workers Compensation**

One of the largest costs of town government is employee wages and benefits. The town's expenditure for Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Property Insurance, Benefits Administration and Retirement in 1994 was \$4,154,551. This past year that sum was reduced to \$3,511,401. This represents an annual savings of \$643,150 on Insurance and Benefits.

The town is now part of the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). The MIIA Health Benefits Trust is part of a growing movement by state municipal leagues and associations to establish risk sharing pools to provide more stable pricing, equitable underwriting and programs tailor made for local government employees. MIIA's pooled rates will help to provide rate stability and reduce escalating costs especially for those individuals in

higher risk groups. We also put our liability insurance out to bid this past year and MIIA was the low bidder. Our new rate saves the town \$105,000 annually. We locked into a three-year contract at the new rate.

We would like to thank Karen Prodo for her efforts as the town's first Benefits Coordinator. Karen and her family have moved to Kansas and we will surely miss her.

I would like to commend our new Assistant Assessor Michael Tumulty. It is a pleasure to work with a competent professional. This year's Tax Recap was outstanding due to Mike's efforts.

Lastly, I would like to comment on our first Executive Secretary, Richard Leary. During the past year and one half Dick was paid a half-time salary for a full-time position. His experience and wisdom will be missed by all. His guidance has helped this town immeasurably.

The following details are a summary of the results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

	Carried Fwd From 1996	Appropriated 1997	Transfers	Available	Spent	Close Outs	Carried Fwd To 1998
<b>MODERATOR - Expenses</b>	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 28.00	\$ -
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>							
Secretaries Wages	\$ -	\$ 3,489.00	\$ -	\$ 3,489.00	\$ 3,489.00	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ 245.90	\$ 14.10	\$ -
Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 115,298.00	\$ (79,169.54)	\$ 36,128.46	\$ -	\$ 36,128.46	\$ -
<b>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>							
Administrative Assistant	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Executive Secretary	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,484.65	\$ 515.35	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,899.88	\$ 300.12	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,545.45	\$ (45.45)	\$ -
Mass. Municipal Assoc.	\$ -	\$ 2,684.00	\$ -	\$ 2,684.00	\$ 2,784.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ -
Union Related Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,241.00	\$ (41.00)	\$ -
Contingent	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 761.84	\$ (11.84)	\$ -
<b>LAW DEPARTMENT</b>							
Contract Expenses	\$ -	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>PARKING TICKET CLERK</b>							
Salary	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>							
PERSONNEL BOARD - Clerk	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOWN ACCT./DP/PURCHASING</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 116,466.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 114,966.00	\$ 112,869.44	\$ 2,096.56	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,117.60	\$ (617.60)	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.16	\$ 88.84	\$ -
Outside Services	\$ -	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 9,654.95	\$ 545.05	\$ -
<b>TREASURER</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 37,266.00	\$ -	\$ 37,266.00	\$ 37,080.96	\$ 185.04	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,450.00	\$ -	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,397.68	\$ 52.32	\$ -
<b>TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR</b>							
Clerk/Collector	\$ -	\$ 78,396.00	\$ -	\$ 78,396.00	\$ 78,284.67	\$ 111.33	\$ -
Town Postage Account*	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,683.96	\$ 316.04	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 17,100.00	\$ -	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 17,163.79	\$ (63.79)	\$ -
Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Meeting	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,014.00	\$ 3,514.00	\$ 3,434.86	\$ 79.14	\$ -
Travel/Seminars	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ELECTION COMMISSION</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 34,372.00	\$ -	\$ 34,372.00	\$ 33,591.17	\$ 780.83	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 515.72	\$ (15.72)	\$ -
Election Expenses	\$ -	\$ 14,050.00	\$ -	\$ 14,050.00	\$ 4,981.92	\$ 9,068.08	\$ -
<b>ASSESSORS</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 59,230.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 68,230.00	\$ 67,585.19	\$ 644.81	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,898.00	\$ 2.00	\$ -
Appellate Tax Board	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 870.20	\$ 3,129.80	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,020.25	\$ 379.75	\$ -
Data Processing	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Outside Services	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Seminars	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,679.00	\$ 321.00	\$ -
Computer Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
<b>ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 66,522.00	\$ -	\$ 66,522.00	\$ 63,912.78	\$ 2,609.22	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 18,055.00	\$ -	\$ 18,055.00	\$ 18,021.59	\$ 33.41	\$ -
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>							
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 2,575.00	\$ -	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 2,574.96	\$ 0.04	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,212.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 2,802.00	\$ 2,546.00	\$ 256.00	\$ -
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>							
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 1,236.00	\$ -	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 516.00	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 408.55	\$ 91.45	\$ -
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>							
Town Reports	\$ -	\$ 5,744.00	\$ -	\$ 5,744.00	\$ 3,610.80	\$ 2,133.20	\$ -
Telephones (most Depts.)	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,972.02	\$ 27.98	\$ -
Audit	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 17,420.00	\$ 17,420.00	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Consultant	\$ 11,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 11,850.00	\$ -	\$ -
Clerical Pool	\$ -	\$ 20,841.00	\$ 4,865.00	\$ 25,706.00	\$ 25,319.47	\$ 386.53	\$ -
<b>TOTAL GEN. GOVERNMENT</b>	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 881,297.00	\$ (25,980.54)	\$ 867,166.46	\$ 805,270.41	\$ 61,896.05	\$ -
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>							
Wages	\$ -	\$ 1,811,040.00	\$ -	\$ 1,811,040.00	\$ 1,760,554.10	\$ 50,485.90	\$ -

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33	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 143,059.00	\$ -	\$ 143,059.00	\$ 140,970.80	\$ 2,088.20	\$
31	Selective Enforcement	\$ -	\$ 29,758.00	\$ -	\$ 29,758.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 26,158.00	\$
34	Police Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 27,066.00	\$ -	\$ 27,066.00	\$ 27,066.00	\$ -	\$
	<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>							
35	Wages	\$ -	\$ 1,747,284.00	\$ -	\$ 1,747,284.00	\$ 1,747,281.47	\$ 2.53	\$
36	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 69,042.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 70,242.00	\$ 69,011.26	\$ 1,230.74	\$
37	Dispatch	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$
38	Training	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,967.82	\$ 7.00	\$
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,897,249.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,898,449.00	\$ 3,818,451.45	\$ 79,972.37	\$
99	REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	\$ -	\$ 90,967.00	\$ -	\$ 90,967.00	\$ 87,603.00	\$ 3,364.00	\$
	SCHOOLS - SWAMPSCOTT							
100	Net Budget	\$ -	\$ 11,555,019.00	\$ -	\$ 11,555,019.00	\$ 11,554,954.20	\$ 64.80	\$
	<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	\$ -	\$ 11,645,986.00	\$ -	\$ 11,645,986.00	\$ 11,642,557.20	\$ 3,428.80	\$
	<b>DPW - General</b>							
63	Wages	\$ -	\$ 328,794.00	\$ -	\$ 328,794.00	\$ 328,766.27	\$ 27.73	\$
	<b>EXPENSES - General</b>							
64	Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 712.00	\$ -	\$ 712.00	\$ 712.00	\$ -	\$
64	Operating Expenses & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 86,912.00	\$ (9,000.00)	\$ 77,912.00	\$ 78,473.28	\$ (561.28)	\$
64	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 36,500.00	\$ -	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 35,671.05	\$ 828.95	\$
64	Clothing Allowance	\$ -	\$ 8,900.00	\$ -	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 6,868.45	\$ 2,031.55	\$
65	Snow & Ice -\$66,196.39 State	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 149,963.04	\$ (4,963.04)	\$
66	Highway Maintenance*	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,521.71	\$ 478.29	\$
	<b>WAGES - Cemetery</b>							
69	Wages	\$ -	\$ 150,358.00	\$ -	\$ 150,358.00	\$ 149,754.98	\$ 603.02	\$
	<b>EXPENSES - Cemetery</b>							
70	Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 238.00	\$ -	\$ 238.00	\$ 237.99	\$ 0.01	\$
70	Operating Expenses & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$
70	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,129.58	\$ (129.58)	\$
70	Clothing Allowance	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ -	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,983.09	\$ 1,316.91	\$
	<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNTS</b>							
73	Shade Trees	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,175.48	\$ (175.48)	\$
73	Contract Work	\$ -	\$ 102,000.00	\$ -	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 97,570.62	\$ 4,429.38	\$
88	Street Lighting	\$ -	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 24,780.54	\$ 179,780.54	\$ 179,780.54	\$ -	\$
	<b>TOTAL DPW</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,017,714.00	\$ 75,780.54	\$ 1,093,494.54	\$ 1,089,608.08	\$ 3,886.46	\$
	<b>WAGES - Water/Sewer</b>							
67	Wages	\$ -	\$ 517,415.00	\$ -	\$ 517,415.00	\$ 506,642.88	\$ 10,772.12	\$
	<b>EXPENSES - Water/Sewer</b>							
68	Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 950.00	\$ -	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00	\$ -	\$
68	Operating Expenses & Supplies	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,598.22	\$ (598.22)	\$
68	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,408.20	\$ (1,408.20)	\$
68	Communications	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,992.22	\$ 7.78	\$
68	Water Bills	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$
68	Clothing Allowance	\$ -	\$ 8,400.00	\$ -	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 4,075.28	\$ 4,324.72	\$
69	MWRA/Lynn Water	\$ -	\$ 485,000.00	\$ -	\$ 485,000.00	\$ 484,999.96	\$ 0.04	\$
70	Water System Improvements	\$ 224,263.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 474,263.00	\$ 33,908.41	\$ -	\$ 441
71	Wastewater Operations	\$ 106,450.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 906,450.00	\$ 858,373.37	\$ -	\$ 48
	<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	\$ 330,713.00	\$ 2,143,765.00	\$ -	\$ 2,474,478.00	\$ 1,972,948.54	\$ 13,098.24	\$ 488
	<b>HARBORMASTER</b>							
39	Wages	\$ -	\$ 5,665.00	\$ -	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 5,665.00	\$ -	\$
40	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,631.00	\$ -	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 2,630.84	\$ 0.16	\$
	<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>							
41	Director	\$ -	\$ 1,159.00	\$ -	\$ 1,159.00	\$ 1,159.00	\$ -	\$
42	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,629.00	\$ -	\$ 1,629.00	\$ 1,256.81	\$ 372.19	\$
	<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>							
43	Inspector	\$ -	\$ 5,305.00	\$ -	\$ 5,305.00	\$ 5,304.96	\$ 0.04	\$
44	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ 114.90	\$ 0.10	\$
44	Travel	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$
45	CONSTABLE - Salary	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$
	<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>							
46	Wages	\$ -	\$ 66,202.00	\$ -	\$ 66,202.00	\$ 65,678.00	\$ 524.00	\$
47	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 521.62	\$ 28.38	\$
47	Travel	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$
	<b>WIRE INSPECTOR</b>							
48	Wire Inspector	\$ -	\$ 26,261.00	\$ -	\$ 26,261.00	\$ 26,168.36	\$ 92.64	\$
49	Expenses	\$ -	\$ 8,150.00	\$ -	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 8,138.04	\$ 11.96	\$
49	Travel	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ -	\$



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<b>CONSERVATION COM. - Expenses</b>	\$ -	\$ 862.00	\$ -	\$ 862.00	\$ 351.11	\$ 510.89	\$ -	
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>								
Wages	\$ -	\$ 50,970.00	\$ -	\$ 50,970.00	\$ 50,669.95	\$ 300.05	\$ -	
Consultants/Contractual	\$ -	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Board Expenses	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ 894.72	\$ 5.28	\$ -	
Travel	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ -	\$ 720.00	\$ 744.00	\$ (24.00)	\$ -	
Inspections and Tests	\$ -	\$ 5,435.00	\$ -	\$ 5,435.00	\$ 4,531.00	\$ 904.00	\$ -	
Rubbish Collections*	\$ -	\$ 593,600.00	\$ -	\$ 593,600.00	\$ 592,857.91	\$ 742.09	\$ -	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>								
Officer's Salary	\$ -	\$ 25,462.00	\$ -	\$ 25,462.00	\$ 24,526.44	\$ 935.56	\$ -	
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Boarding Animals/Pound/Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,287.64	\$ 212.36	\$ -	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGEING</b>								
Director	\$ -	\$ 26,039.00	\$ -	\$ 26,039.00	\$ 26,039.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Outreach Worker	\$ -	\$ 3,447.00	\$ -	\$ 3,447.00	\$ 3,447.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 20,728.00	\$ -	\$ 20,728.00	\$ 19,860.73	\$ 867.27	\$ -	
<b>VETERANS SERVICES</b>								
Wages	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,633.70	\$ 366.30	\$ -	
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 559.54	\$ (209.54)	\$ -	
Travel	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Memorial Day	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,190.02	\$ 9.98	\$ -	
Veterans' Day	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Assistance	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,781.20	\$ 7,218.80	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH WELFARE &amp; SANIT.</b>	\$ -	\$ 922,335.00	\$ -	\$ 922,335.00	\$ 909,266.49	\$ 13,068.51	\$ -	
<b>RECREATION</b>								
Wages	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 4,120.00	\$ -	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 4,115.32	\$ 4.68	\$ -	
Other Salaries	\$ -	\$ 40,016.00	\$ -	\$ 40,016.00	\$ 40,016.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 948.32	\$ 121.68	\$ -	
Travel	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Program Expenses	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,368.30	\$ (118.30)	\$ -	
<b>LIBRARY</b>								
Wages	\$ -	\$ 222,210.00	\$ -	\$ 222,210.00	\$ 216,631.37	\$ 5,578.63	\$ -	
Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,162.30	\$ 237.70	\$ -	
Building Expenses	\$ -	\$ 15,950.00	\$ -	\$ 15,950.00	\$ 16,244.33	\$ (294.33)	\$ -	
Travel	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 208.36	\$ 191.64	\$ -	
Library Materials	\$ -	\$ 78,750.00	\$ -	\$ 78,750.00	\$ 77,897.42	\$ 852.58	\$ -	
Historical Commission	\$ -	\$ 383.00	\$ -	\$ 383.00	\$ 367.49	\$ 15.51	\$ -	
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	\$ -	\$ 377,299.00	\$ -	\$ 377,299.00	\$ 370,709.21	\$ 6,589.79	\$ -	
<b>NON-SEWER DEBT SERVICE</b>								
Principal	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest	\$ -	\$ 169,205.00	\$ -	\$ 169,205.00	\$ 171,753.94	\$ (2,548.94)	\$ -	
Temporary Loans - Interest	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Certification of Notes/Bonds	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 11,990.72	\$ 3,009.28	\$ -	
<b>SEWER DEBT SERVICE</b>								
Principal	\$ -	\$ 708,263.00	\$ -	\$ 708,263.00	\$ 708,262.70	\$ 0.30	\$ -	
Interest	\$ -	\$ 357,522.00	\$ -	\$ 357,522.00	\$ 357,524.44	\$ (2.44)	\$ -	
Administrative Fees/Charges	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,308.35	\$ 691.65	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICES</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,080,990.00	\$ -	\$ 2,080,990.00	\$ 2,079,640.15	\$ 1,349.85	\$ -	
<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</b>								
Benefits	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 167,932.10	\$ 67.90	\$ -	
<b>CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT</b>								
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 58,483.00	\$ -	\$ 58,483.00	\$ 57,746.57	\$ 736.43	\$ -	
Pension Contribution	\$ -	\$ 1,795,134.00	\$ (138,000.00)	\$ 1,657,134.00	\$ 1,603,756.73	\$ 53,377.27	\$ -	
<b>NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS</b>								
Pension Contribution	\$ -	\$ 236,381.00	\$ -	\$ 236,381.00	\$ 223,016.30	\$ 13,364.70	\$ -	
<b>INSURANCE</b>								
Life/Health/Property Insurance	\$ -	\$ 1,488,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,503,000.00	\$ 1,435,906.06	\$ 67,093.94	\$ -	
Medicare Tax	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 108,838.55	\$ 161.45	\$ -	
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	\$ -	\$ 3,782,998.00	\$ (51,000.00)	\$ 3,731,998.00	\$ 3,597,196.31	\$ 134,801.69	\$ -	
<b>Contract Settlements</b>	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (70,000.00)	\$ -	
HAWC	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Stabilization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Ambulance	\$ -	\$ 42,117.00	\$ -	\$ 42,117.00	\$ 11,453.87	\$ 30,663.13	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL MISC</b>	\$ -	\$ 49,117.00	\$ -	\$ 49,117.00	\$ 88,453.87	\$ (39,336.87)	\$ -	

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<b>TOTAL REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 342,563.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,798,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,141,313.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,374,101.71</b>	<b>\$ 278,754.89</b>	<b>\$ 488,432.10</b>
<b>NON BONDED ARTICLES</b>							
RECAP Tax Title	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,121.66	\$ 3,878.34	\$ -
Warrants Payable	\$ -	\$ 15,482.00	\$ -	\$ 15,482.00	\$ 15,415.89	\$ 66.11	\$ -
A96-27 Fire Roofs	\$ 1,403.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,403.17	\$ 215.00	\$ -	\$ 1,188.17
A96-27 Fire Showers/Toilets	\$ 4,049.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,049.37	\$ 3,981.95	\$ 67.42	\$ -
A96-37 Recycling Bins	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,100.00
A97-13 Pulse Oximeter	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
A97-14 Co2 Monitor	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
A97-16 Athletic Field Conditioner	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,530.00	\$ -	\$ 3,470.00
A97-43 DPW Pram Rack	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -
A97-10 Voting Booths	\$ -	\$ 9,250.00	\$ -	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REG. &amp; NON BONDED APPR.</b>	<b>\$ 350,115.54</b>	<b>\$ 26,824,232.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,203,347.54</b>	<b>\$ 26,422,241.21</b>	<b>\$ 283,141.76</b>	<b>\$ 497,912.86</b>
<b>OTHER ARTICLES</b>							
94-xx Fincorn Computer	\$ 519.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 519.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 519.00
97-32-ADA	\$ -	\$ 68,956.00	\$ -	\$ 68,956.00	\$ 9,449.50	\$ -	\$ 59,506.50
96-13-ADA	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
95-22-ADA	\$ 65,294.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,294.26	\$ 64,949.26	\$ -	\$ 345.00
97-11 Fire Pumper	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 243,616.16	\$ 6,383.84	\$ -
97-17 Police Computers	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
92-41 Police Generator	\$ 34,651.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,651.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,651.00
94-52 Police Station Renovations	\$ 324,850.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 324,850.15	\$ 24,750.00	\$ -	\$ 299,100.15
97-21 Library Renovations	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
97-24 Soccer/Softball Lights	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 60.64	\$ -	\$ 24,939.36
95-29 Library Renovations	\$ 184,770.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,770.63	\$ 184,770.63	\$ -	\$ -
<b>DPW ARTICLES</b>							
97-36 Dpw Equipment	\$ -	\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 131,358.00	\$ 3,642.00	\$ -
97-36 Cemetery Backhoe	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,808.00	\$ 4,192.00	\$ -
97-45 Paint Water Tank	\$ -	\$ 215,000.00	\$ -	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 213,200.00
97-15 Park Improvements	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 7,628.32	\$ -	\$ 17,371.68
97-38 Street Paving	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 74,999.83	\$ 0.17	\$ -
96-1 Sidewalks	\$ 19,639.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,639.65	\$ 19,639.65	\$ -	\$ -
96-2 Street Paving	\$ 70,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,400.00	\$ 70,400.00	\$ -	\$ -
96-10 Town Pier	\$ 17,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ -	\$ 12,850.00
96-8 HS Field Renovations	\$ 1,783.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,783.32	\$ 1,783.32	\$ -	\$ -
97-47 Town Hall Repairs	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,860.52	\$ 139.48	\$ -
95-42 Sidewalk Replacements	\$ 4,017.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,017.71	\$ 1,166.67	\$ -	\$ 2,851.04
94-59 Backflow Sprinklers	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
01-SP Secondary Treatment	\$ 44,883.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,883.00	\$ 232.48	\$ -	\$ 44,650.52
95-43 Town Share Improvement LWTP	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 53,563.96	\$ -	\$ 96,436.04
95-44 Pump Station Repairs	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
95-49 Water Connection Lynn	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
<b>SCHOOL ARTICLES</b>							
97-59 Classroom Space	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
97-61 Computers	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,132.32	\$ -	\$ 8,867.68
96-9 Computers	\$ 1,844.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,844.23	\$ 495.23	\$ -	\$ 1,349.00
96-3 Population Study	\$ 12,623.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,623.16	\$ 12,623.16	\$ -	\$ -
96-11 Van	\$ 2,037.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,037.61	\$ 2,037.61	\$ -	\$ -
97-62 High School Roofs	\$ -	\$ 1,460,044.00	\$ -	\$ 1,460,044.00	\$ 1,460,044.00	\$ -	\$ -
96-4 Roofs Clarke	\$ 21,099.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,099.01	\$ 21,099.01	\$ -	\$ -
96-7 Burner Clarke	\$ 3,045.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,045.90	\$ 3,029.10	\$ -	\$ 16.80
96-12 Sch Bldg Repairs	\$ 26,612.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,612.16	\$ 26,096.73	\$ -	\$ 515.43
95-55 Roof Repair Replace	\$ 7,296.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,296.00	\$ 7,295.63	\$ -	\$ 36.37
95-58 Door Access Control System	\$ 11,892.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,892.68	\$ 3,705.33	\$ -	\$ 8,187.35
95-61 Replacement Furniture	\$ 5,388.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,388.11	\$ 5,388.11	\$ -	\$ -
95-62 School Plumbing & Electrical	\$ 170.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.55	\$ 108.22	\$ -	\$ 62.33
95-64 Floor Repairs	\$ 7,428.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,428.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,428.74
94-84 School Boilers	\$ 21,868.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,868.77	\$ 20,931.85	\$ -	\$ 936.92
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>\$ 1,419,915.64</b>	<b>\$ 2,554,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,973,915.64</b>	<b>\$ 2,844,773.24</b>	<b>\$ 14,357.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,114,784.91</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,770,031.18</b>	<b>\$ 29,378,232.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,177,263.18</b>	<b>\$ 29,267,014.45</b>	<b>\$ 297,499.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,612,739.36</b>

## TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS

## Combined Balance Sheet

## All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 1997

(Except for Pension Trust, which is as of December 31, 1996)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types			Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Trust and Agency	Pension Trust	General Long-Term Debt	Totals Memorandum Only
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and cash investments	\$ 3,289,483	\$ 915,253	\$ 1,114,785	\$ 1,172,639	\$ 885,137	\$ 712,834	\$ -	\$ 8,090,131
Investments						15,224,922		15,224,922
Investments held by others					2,673,301			2,673,301
Receivables								
Property taxes	759,660							759,660
Excises	87,387							87,387
Utilities	403,499							403,499
Other	20,569							20,569
Due from other funds								
Due from other governments								
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt							19,278,881	19,278,881
Amount available for retirement of debt service							1,172,639	1,172,639
Total Assets	\$ 4,560,598	\$ 915,253	\$ 1,114,785	\$ 1,172,639	\$ 3,558,438	\$ 16,819,341	\$ 20,451,520	\$ 48,592,574
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>								
Liabilities								
Warrants payable	\$ 825,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 825,111
Accounts payable	31,266							31,266
Deferred revenues	1,140,408							1,140,408
Accrued expenses	183,389							183,389
Due to other funds								
Reserve for tax refunds	270,000							270,000
Deferred compensation plan					2,673,301			2,673,301
General long-term debt							20,451,520	20,451,520
Other liabilities	66,475				59,751			126,226
Total Liabilities	2,516,649				2,733,052		20,451,520	25,701,221
Fund Equity								
Fund Balances								
Reserved for encumbrances	554,103							554,103
Reserved for expenditures	620,000							620,000
Reserved for employee retirement					322,803	16,819,341		17,142,144
Unreserved/undesignated	869,846	915,253	1,114,785	1,172,639	502,583			4,575,106
Total Fund Equity	2,043,949	915,253	1,114,785	1,172,639	825,386	16,819,341		22,891,353
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 4,560,598	\$ 915,253	\$ 1,114,785	\$ 1,172,639	\$ 3,558,438	\$ 16,819,341	\$ 20,451,520	\$ 48,592,574

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement



# Special Revenue Fund

## Fund Balance Detail

Account	6/30/97 Balance
FUND 20	
Arts Lottery	\$1,069
Warner Cable Grant-Gen Gov't	(\$1,604)
Depot Restoration	\$614
Upper Swampscott Impr.	\$4,384
Water/Sewer System Improv	\$27,512
Recycling Blue Bins	\$2,901
Criminal Justice Grant	\$859
Community Policing	\$18,642
Cops Fast	\$27,048
ABC Cops & Shops	\$1,200
Police Outside Details	\$68,024
Fire Outside Details	\$833
DPW Outside Details	\$2,161
Chapter 90	\$197,112
Library Receipts Reserved for Appr.	\$13,564
Grant Veterans Graves & Monuments	\$2,095
Insurance Recovery	\$19,304
FUND 21	
Title I (F)	(\$4,967)
SPED- Sprig	\$12,215
SPED CH2 -Parent Prof Partners	\$780
PL94/142 ED. Handicapped	\$11,755
94/142-VI-B/Early Childhood	(\$10,773)
Palms Grant	(\$53)
Libr Pres GRT 95-I-2.1	(\$1,800)
PL 97/35 ECIA Educ. CH II	\$1,410
SPED 89-113 in State	\$857
EESA Title II Grant	\$1,830
SPED-IPE Training	(\$370)
Emergency Immigration SPED	(\$1,500)
Curriculum Frameworks	\$6,780
Portfolio Assessment	\$315
Professional Development	\$4,250
Gov. Alliance Drugs	\$3,067
Health Protec (ECHO)	\$9
Cable Club	\$1,803
Educational Telecom Grant	\$59,647
Educational Telecom Capital Grant	\$25,214
School METCO	\$21,169
FUND 22	
Custodial Detail	\$1,359
School Property Use	\$16,892
School Lunch	\$79,794
School Athletics	\$48,319
Drivers Ed.	\$9,722
Summer School Revolving	\$12,029
School Tuition Rev. Fund	\$81,299
Extended Day Clarke	\$35,646
Van Maintaniance	(\$1,771)
Extended Day Hadley	\$33,420
Extended Day Stanley	\$52,588
FUND 23	
Boat Deposit Fees	(\$3,770)
Fees Collectefor State	\$32,372
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$915,253</b>



# Trust & Agency Funds

## Fund Balance Detail

Account	6/30/97 Balance
(TRUST FUNDS)	
Phillips Medal	\$ 2,309
Cemetary Perpet.	\$ 216,500
War Memorial	\$ 103,994
Conservation	\$ 58,028
Stabilization	\$ 49,338
Law Enforc. Gifts	\$ 2,874
DARE Police	\$ 27,394
Drug Fund Police	\$ 926
Library Linscott	\$ 104,181
Library Hussey	\$ 114,150
Library Johnson	\$ 76
Library General	\$ 51,180
Cemetary Gifts	\$ 94,435
TOTAL	<u>\$ 825,385</u>
(ESCROW)	
Mass. Fish & Wild.	\$ 3,497
DPW Agency Fee	\$ -
High School Act.	\$ 14,491
Perform. Bond	\$ 41,763
TOTAL	<u>\$ 59,751</u>

## Capital Project Fund

### Fund Balance Detail

Account	6/30/1997 Balance
94-xx Fincom Computer	\$519
97-32-ADA	\$59,507
95-22-ADA	\$345
92-41 Police Generator	\$34,651
94-52 Police Station Renovations	\$300,100
97-24 Soccer/Sball Lights	\$24,939
97-45 Paint Water Tank	\$213,200
97-15 Park Improvements	\$17,372
96-10 Town Pier	\$12,850
95-42 Sidewalk Replacements	\$2,851
94-59 Backflow Sprinklers	\$5,000
01-SP Secondary Treatment	\$44,651
95-43 Town Share Improvement LWTP	\$96,436
95-44 Pump Station Repairs	\$25,000
95-49 Water Connection Lynn	\$250,000
97-61 Computers	\$8,868
96-9 Computers	\$1,349
96-7 Burner Clarke	\$17
96-12 Sch Bldg Repairs	\$515
95-58 Door Access Control System	\$8,187
95-62 School Plumbing & Electrical	\$62
95-64 Floor Repairs	\$7,429
94-84 School Boilers	\$937
TOTAL	53 \$1,114,785

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Since assuming the position of Animal Control Officer on July 1, 1997, I have been unable to find all the paperwork for 1997 so I can only supply the data from Jan. 1, 1997 to Feb. 17, 1997 and July 1, 1997 to Dec. 31, 1997.

### Calls

Calls	437
Pages	82

### Domestic Animals

Dogs picked up	56
Dogs brought to pound	23
Dogs hit by car	3
Dogs returned to owner	56
Dogs adopted	3
Dogs euthanized	
Cats picked up	10
Cats brought to pound	4
Cats hit by car	8
Cats returned to owner	5
Cats adopted	5
Cats euthanized	2
Rabbits picked up	1
Rabbits returned to owner	1
Ferrets picked up	1
Ferrets euthanized	1

### Wildlife Calls

Skunks	39
Raccoons	31
Bats	8
Squirrels	6
Birds	23
Rabbits	1
Opossums	4

### Domestic Animal Bites To Humans

Dog bites	13
Cat bites	6
Ferret bites	2
Iguana bites	1

### Domestic Animals Quarantined

Dogs	15
Cats	27

### Rabies Testing And Result

Bats	4, All negative
Skunks	6, All positive
Raccoons	2, 1 negative, 1 positive
Ferrets	1 negative
Cats	1 negative
Dogs	1 negative

	Revenue	
Licensing		\$9,245
Dog fines		\$2,145

Dear Townspeople:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for being responsible pet owners by licensing and cleaning up after your dogs and having your dogs and cats vaccinated. The past six months have been enjoyable and I am looking forward to a long relationship.

Yours truly,

Claudia Siniawski

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In accordance with Article 4, Section 2, of the bylaw of the Town of Swampscott, the Board of Assessors herewith submits its Annual Report to the citizens of the Town for the calendar year 1997.

At the Board of Assessors reorganizational meeting following the town election, Marc Paster was re-elected Chairman and Vera Harrington was re-elected Secretary. John V. Phelan III was appointed to the Board of Assessors in a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen on September 9, 1997. The appointment was a result of Mr. Bob Murphy's retirement from town politics. The Board of Assessors is grateful to Bob for his many contributions while on the Board.

Michael Tumulty was appointed to the position of Assistant Assessor on November 10, 1997. This full-time position was approved at Town Meeting in 1996, and is a major step towards professional, full-time management and increased service to the taxpayer.

On November 19, 1997 the Board of Assessors held an open house for the purpose of demonstrating the latest in Assessing software, Assess Pro 4.0 which was developed by the firm of Patriot Properties, Inc. The implementation of this software, which provides pertinent data for all real estate parcels in town including sketches, photographs and sale information, is a significant step in the area of taxpayer service, and database management. Access to this information is via a touch screen monitor located on the counter in the office.

The new appraisal system will facilitate the Fiscal 1999 revaluation, which will begin in the early spring of 1998.

Upon recommendation by the Board of Assessors in a joint meeting on December 16, 1997, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to split the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1998. The approved rates were \$17.99 per thousand for residential property and \$28.24 per thousand for commercial and industrial property.

The Board of Assessors express its appreciation to Town Accountant Gene Nigrelli for his cooperation and assistance, and to our Town Counsel from the firm of Kopelman and Paige for their guidance in matters of litigation and appellate tax board. The Board would also like to thank the consulting firm of Patriot Properties, Inc. for their advice throughout the year.

### Excise Tax Totals

Number of cars	13,594
Valuation of cars	\$63,930,339.00
Excise tax on cars	\$1,335,964.26

Statutory Exemptions on Real Estate, which are mandatory under Chapter 59, General Laws of the Commonwealth, to qualifying homeowners, totalled: \$89,343.07.

The Board of Assessors herewith submits its figures to determine the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1998:

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FY98 TAX LEVY LIMITATION FOR BUDGET PLANNING PURPOSES

I. TO CALCULATE THE FY97 LEVY LIMIT		
A. FY96 Levy Limit	\$ 18,432,031	
A1. ADD Amended FY96 Growth	\$	
B. ADD (IA+ IA1) X 2.5%	\$ 460,801	
C. ADD FY97 NEW GROWTH	\$ 149,020	
D. ADD FY97 OVERRIDE	\$ 0	
E. FY97 Subtotal	\$ 19,041,852	
FY97 VALUE	1,085,627,980	I. \$ 19,041,852
F. FY97 Levy Ceiling	\$ 27,140,700	FY97 Levy Limit (Lesser of IE and IF)
II. TO CALCULATE THE FY98 LEVY LIMIT		
A. FY97 Levy Limit from I	\$ 19,041,852	
A1. ADD Amended FY97 Growth	\$ 0	
B. ADD (IIA+ IIA1) X 2.5%	\$ 476,046	
C. ADD FY98 NEW GROWTH	\$ 207,043	



D.	ADD FY98 OVERRIDE	\$ <u>0</u>
E.	FY98 Subtotal	\$ <u>19,724,941</u>
	FY98 VALUE	\$ <u>1,092,537,207</u>

II . \$ 19,724,941  
 FY98 Levy Limit  
 (Lesser of IIE and IIF)

III. TO CALCULATE THE FY98  
 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY

A.	FY98 Levy Limit from II.	\$ <u>19,724,941</u>
B.	FY98 Debt Exclusion(s)	\$ <u>912,431</u>
C.	FY98 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)	\$ <u>0</u>
D.	FY98 Other Adjustment	\$ <u>0</u>
E.	FY98 Water/Sewer	\$ <u>0</u>
F.	FY98 Maximum Allowable Levy	\$ <u>20,637,372</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Paster, Chairman  
 Vera C. Harrington, Secretary  
 John V. Phelan III

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Kenneth B. Shutzer, Esq., Chairman  
Gary Baker, Vice-Chairman William O'Brien  
Carol Levin, Esq., Clerk Anthony Scibelli, Esq.  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:  
David Janes Joseph A. MacDonald, Esq.

The Zoning Board of Appeals held 12 hearings during the year ending December 31, 1997; 59 new petitions were filed and 60 were heard. We would like to thank Louis Gallo, Inspector of Buildings, for his technical support and assistance and Helen M. Collins, his administrative assistant. The Associate Members of the Board contributed valuable expertise to the Board. The Board's new Secretary, Linda Volovick, having replaced Dyan M. Katz, has been invaluable to the Board by her thoroughness and professionalism and by the assistance shown to Petitioners.

The Board wishes to acknowledge with distinction the appointment of Attorney Anthony Scibelli as a regular member of the Board filling the unexpired term of outgoing member David Siegel, who along with retiring long term member Ann M. Whittemore and associate member Stephen M. McGuirk, served tirelessly on the Board. Further, David Janes and Attorney Joseph A. MacDonald were appointed to fill vacancies as Associate members. Attorney Carol Levin was appointed to a five (5) year term as a regular member having previously served as an associate member.

In the course of the last sixty (60) hearings and numerous new and continued petitions, the Board periodically identifies an issue(s) having greater and more profound impact than the property on which it is situated. In that regard, the Board notes the importance of examining the current By-Law and the imperative of Town Meeting in its appointment of a Board to re-examine the current By-Law with the singular purpose of refining same and the elimination of defined incongruities and inconsistencies plaguing both Petitioners and the Board. Efforts are currently under way in this regard pending grant approval.

Another issue that the Board may be called upon to address is the continued growth in Vinnin Square. The Board as of December 1997 has not as yet received formal application or any requests for variances or special permits as they relate to plans for reconfiguring the Glover Restaurant property. Inasmuch as the locus is located within the bounds of both Swampscott and Marblehead it is anticipated that collective hearings between the respective Boards may be held. A recurring issue is the interrelationship between a business and residential district, especially one involving a major expansion in use and its impact on vehicular traffic at an already congested intersection. Matters such as this cannot be viewed in a vacuum and require the input and vigilant oversight of both the Selectmen and Planning Board to insure that the introduction of any new growth is not at the expense of its residential abutters or for that matter, existing businesses. It is our fervent hope that if this situation does in fact materialize that a collective and comprehensive review will allow for the resolution of same with consideration afforded neighborhood concerns and without extensive Court intervention.

Decisions such as these and other matters have enormous import to the Town requiring exhaustive review and deliberations. The Board welcomes the opportunity to serve the Town in this capacity as well as the special permit and variance requests by individual homeowners.

The Board acknowledges the difficult decisions which it is called upon to render but can state its decisions have withstood the scrutiny of the Courts and have ultimately resulted in fewer appeals and reduced costs to the Town both legal and otherwise.

The Board further appreciates the professionalism shown to it by members of the Bar and individuals who appear on their own behalf in the preparation of petitions and supporting documentation as requested.

Kenneth B. Shutzer was re-elected Chairman, Garry Baker elected Vice-Chairman, and Carol Levin elected Clerk of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth B. Shutzer, Chairman

## SWAMPSCOTT BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Swampscott Building Code Board of Appeals held no meetings during calendar year ending 12/31/97. No appeals were recorded, no cases were heard.

The function of the S.B.C.B.A. is to hear appeals at the local level from decisions of the Building Inspector in matters pertaining to the Massachusetts state building code 780 CMR. The S.B.C.B.A. has the authority to grant/not grant variances to the building code and/or to reject or agree with the Building Inspector's decisions relating to the building code.

Any decisions of the local board are subject to the approval of the state board of building regulations and standards. Petitioners to the local board that are not satisfied with our decision can appeal to the state board thereby getting two bites of the apple so to speak.

Current members are as follows:

Richard T. McIntosh (chairman)	1998
Dr. Richard P. Meyor P.E.	1998
Kathleen J. Magee	1999
John V. Phelan	1997
One vacancy	

The S.B.C.B.A would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for being appointed to this board. It is our pleasure to serve the Town of Swampscott. There must be someone in the town who would be interested in filling the vacant position on this board.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. McIntosh, Chairman  
S.B.C.B.A.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Louis Gallo, Inspector of Buildings  
Kathleen Magee, Local Inspector  
Richard MacIntosh, Alternate Inspector  
Peter McCarriston, Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
Michael Waldman, Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector  
Helen Collins, Administrative Assistant

During 1997, this department issued 307 building permits for construction estimated at \$11,910,226.

Fees collected were \$121,664.

There were 366 plumbing permits and 276 gas permits issued. Fees collected totalled \$20,672.

Total fees collected for the department - \$142,336, an increase of \$23,892 over 1996.

### Permits Included

Single Family Dwellings	8
Assisted Living Facility	1
Additions, renovations, alterations & miscellaneous	<u>298</u>
	307

Addition and renovations to the Swampscott Public Library were completed. John Bertram House was completed and residents moved in.

Inspections were done at places of public assembly, institutions, lodging houses, schools, field house and bleachers at Blockridge Field.



## CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paula R. Mariano, *Chairman*  
Marc McHugh, *Coordinator*  
Charlie Lyons, *Co-coordinator*  
Ethel Harris  
Jacqueline Blanchard  
Eugene Nigrelli  
Michael Johnson

We have met with Time Warner, i.e.: Nick Leucci, V.P. Government & Community Relations, Christine Allen, Manager Government & Public Affairs, and Jack Colton, Audio/Video Engineer, to renegotiate the renewal contract in regard to getting some additional equipment for Swampscott.

We will be getting a new character generator that is used to put messages on channel 16, a new timer for the municipal VCR, located at the Fire Station, which is used to cablecast tapes of such events as football and basketball on channel 16, 2 portable video cameras & tripods for Swampscott residents to borrow to tape such events as Little League, and a yearly municipal repair/replace maintenance grant. The timer is already in place at the Fire Station.

Time Warner has also indicated that the technology now exists for cable internet capabilities. They will be offering that technology to Swampscott soon.

The Cable Advisory Committee has begun to compile a list of Rules and Regulations to cover the borrowing of the new video cameras when they become available.

Marc, Charlie, Ethel and I welcome three new members to our committee — Jackie Blanchard, Gene Nigrelli and Mike Johnson.

The Cable Advisory Committee will continue to represent the public in regard to customer service concerns, including signal quality and response to complaints.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula R. Mariano

## CIVIL DEFENSE

The past year proved to be a quiet one for local emergency management agencies. A preliminary Emergency Operations Plan for Swampscott has been submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for review and approval.

Citizens should continue to be prepared for disasters. Emergency information will be broadcast on channel 16 local cable and radio station WESX (1230 AM). I recommend logging on to FEMA's web site, on the internet for any disaster preparedness information (<http://www.fema.gov>). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests that anyone in a flood prone area should obtain flood insurance. Storm preparedness brochures are available; if anyone would like one of these brochures contact your local Emergency Management office.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Maitland  
Director

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Paul Genest, Chairman  
Nelson Kessler  
Geraldyn Falco  
Matthew Leahy  
Joseph Balsama  
Martha Valeriani  
Mark Mahoney

It is the Conservation Commission's responsibility to uphold the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and enforce its regulations. Anyone planning to do work within or bordering a wetland, in the coastal zone, or within the flood plain zone, must file with the Conservation Commission. In addition, we encourage and monitor conservation practices and properties.

In 1997 the Conservation Commission held 20 meetings, and conducted an environmental cleanup at Muskrat Pond in observance of Earth Day. The Conservation Commission reviewed 8 Requests for Determination, 5 Notices of Intent, and issued 8 Certificates of Compliance, all with corresponding site visits.

The Conservation Commission is presently working towards landscaping Linscott Park, having a new wetlands map of the town prepared, and updated the FEMA Coastal Zone Flood Map.

The Conservation Commission would like to thank the Building Inspector, the BPW/DPW, and all the town officials that have worked with us throughout the year.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Mary Abramson, Chairperson  
Ruth Roche, Treasurer  
Deborah Eagan, Secretary  
James Kapol  
Jean Kalabokis  
Estelle Epstein

Elaine Capone, Executive Director  
Martha Marcou, Outreach Coordinator  
Deborah Melnick, Activities Coordinator  
Charlene St. John, Van Driver

The Swampscott Council on Aging is a policy-making board. At the present time there are 6 members with room for 3 more. 1997 marked a year of change for the board, with longtime Chairman Martin Plum's resignation in June and the appointment of Estelle Epstein in October. Mary Abramson was voted chairman and Deborah Eagan was voted secretary. Ruth Roche continued in her position of treasurer.

The Council on Aging recognized Martin Plum's nine years of dedicated service with a poem written by Estelle Epstein and presented during the senior luncheon. Martin's service and dedication to the town's Council on Aging programs is much appreciated by the board. The town government also established a memorial on the Town Hall lawn for deceased board member Vincent O'Brien.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is a very important part of the services offered to Swampscott seniors. It enables seniors to live more independently.

The Council continues to offer transportation to and from the center for the lunch program, to and from the center for supper club, Monday and Thursday food shopping and banking, and Friday to the Liberty Tree Mall.

The Council on Aging applied and received a grant again this year which will enable us to run a Saturday transportation program. Saturday transportation will start at 12 noon and end at 3 p.m. The program will transport seniors to and from supermarkets, banks, visits to and from hospitals, nursing homes and to visit with relatives and friends. One week advance reservations are needed.

### **NUTRITION**

Meals are served five days a week at 12 noon, and dinner is served on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Thursday night requires a reservation 48 hours in advance. No reservations are required for lunch.

Meals on Wheels for home-bound seniors can be provided by contacting Elaine Capone. Approximately 40-45 meals are provided to home-bound seniors daily.

### **CLASSES & TRIPS**

Classes and trips are offered to seniors. Information on classes and trips appear in our monthly newsletter, *The Compass*, in the *Swampscott Reporter*, the *Daily Evening Item*, and the *Salem Evening News* and by calling the center. The Council is open to suggestions on classes and day trips.

### **HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Blood pressure readings take place on the first, second, third, and last Tuesday of every month. Readings are conducted by Joan Myers, Swampscott's Town Nurse, Nancy Geaney, RN, and the Swampscott/Marblehead VNA.

Health talks take place at the center on topics of interest to everyone. Dates vary; suggestions are welcomed.

### **NEWSLETTER**

*The Compass* is published monthly and contains the monthly menu, activities for the month, coming events and the latest information of interest to seniors.

### **OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Outreach program provides seniors an opportunity to have a staff person go into their homes to visit and to assess their needs. Information is offered in the areas of transportation, home health care, Meals on Wheels, nursing homes and adult day care. Staff provide an atmosphere of non-judgmental support where seniors can discuss their concerns and know that their privacy is respected.

### **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

The Information and Referral Counseling Service is one of the most important services provided to seniors and their families. Most families and elders are at a loss as to what services are available and what they are eligible for. Information is offered in the areas of nursing homes, assisted living, elderly housing, adult day care, home-



making services, and legal services. The ability to listen to the concerns and problems that face the elderly and their families is a vital part of what is offered.

The Friends of the Swampscott Council on Aging, formed in February of 1995, continues to lend assistance to the Center. We hope that people will contribute and join the Friends Group. For more information, please contact Elaine Capone at the Council on Aging.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 1997**

This year was a very productive and successful year. Students from the Middle and High Schools have volunteered their time at the supper club. Students not only served and cleaned, they also shared stories, smiles and laughter. It has been a wonderful experience for all.

The Council on Aging held its annual Holiday party on December 17. This year we began a Holiday Gifts for the Elderly program which was a huge success. The staff and Board of Directors distributed over 70 gifts donated by local businesses and individuals. A wonderful time was had by all. The Council on Aging would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who contributed for their generosity to this program.

This fall, Project Safe Return came to the Council on Aging. The program involves registering seniors suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia in a region-wide information bank. Each participant receives an identification bracelet or necklace, and should he/she wander off, all relevant information is easily accessible. The Council on Aging's participation is being underwritten by a grant obtained by the police department.

### **THANK YOU**

A very special thank you to all who helped to make 1997 a successful year.

A very special thank you to all who volunteer at the Senior Center. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Capone,  
Executive Director

## TOWN COUNSEL

The year 1997 was an active year in which Town Counsel responded to a number of requests for opinions from Town officials and represented the Town in several pending court actions. We advised the Board of Selectmen with respect to numerous zoning appeals, labor relation matters and the application of various other laws.

As always, we strive to provide fast and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions. We have also worked hard to provide effective representation of the Town in all of the Town's pending litigation.

We continue to represent the Town in court on litigation matters, and have been pleased to successfully obtain a judgment in favor of the Town relative to interest payments due to the Town for a sewer extension project. Counsel also continues to defend the Town in various zoning and insurance cases.

The office of Town Counsel has continued to work with the Town to reduce municipal legal costs, by researching many issues of municipal law and mailing Memoranda addressing those issues at no charge to the Town. For example, we have recently advised the Town with regard to CORI issues relating to Councils on Aging, conflict of interest laws affecting public employees and the method to authorize the removal of snow from private ways within the Town.

We have attended Town Meetings at the Town's request, and with permission of the Board of Selectmen, have attended meetings of the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards.

We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their confidence in retaining this firm, and we appreciate the assistance and cooperation we have received on all matters from the Board of Selectmen and other Town Boards and personnel. We look forward to working with members of the Swampscott Town government in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Kopelman, for the firm  
of Kopelman and Paige, P.C.,  
Town Counsel

## DEPOT RESTORATION COMMITTEE

In the fall of 1996, a group of interested citizens volunteered to investigate the possibility of historically restoring the Swampscott Train Station. The group obtained letters of support from the Swampscott Board of Selectmen, the Swampscott Historical Commission and the Swampscott Historical Society. The MBTA, owner of the building, was apprised of the plans and gave its support as well.

The group was appointed as an official town committee by the Selectmen at a meeting held on May 13, 1997.

Structural reports and estimates were drawn up and it was decided that the cost of extensive repair (\$125,000) would be prohibitive and not appropriate for a building leased by the town from the MBTA. The lesser cost of \$15,000 for an exterior restoration was decided upon by the committee.

The committee met monthly exploring the details of the project and working on fundraising plans. Some of the fundraisers were: the sale of depot magnets, depot miniatures, the Swampscott blanket, notecards, the original cookbook, Simply Summer, and a raffle for a painting of the Depot. Some of the proceeds from the July 4th Arts Festival were donated to the project as well. Newspaper solicitation and a town-wide mailing were the major sources of revenue for the restoration.

The July 4th float depicting the depot, which was designed and sponsored by the Clarke School PTA, was extremely helpful in raising awareness for the project.

Simulated doors and windows were painted and used to board up the existing doors and windows of the Depot. This was done as a safety measure and to make the area more presentable during the wait for restoration.

As of January 1998, the total amount raised was \$14,530. The MBTA has pledged \$3,000 for materials which brings the total of money available for the project to \$17,530.

Bids for construction and painting are being reviewed by the committee. Plans to attach the "gingerbread" trim and the clock and plans for landscaping are being researched. The estimated date of completion is May 31, 1998.

The committee wishes to thank the many donors who responded so generously to the restoration. The committee also wishes to thank the many local establishments that provided essential services (printing, signs, advertisements, materials, etc.) for the project.

This unique show of community concern and involvement should be a source of pride to the Town of Swampscott. Thank you.

Jack Burke, Co-Chairperson  
Mary Cassidy, Co-Chairperson  
Sheila Leahy, Treasurer  
Shendel Bakal  
Barbara Balsama  
Joe Balsama  
Anita Bolero  
Anne Bowen  
Dave Bowen  
Kristen Crowley  
Eleanor Didio  
Teresa Flaherty  
Dave Gardiner  
Pat Gorham  
Doug Maitland  
G. Ashley Reese  
Paul Schauder  
Fran Speranza  
Darla Terrell

## THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Theodore A. Patrikis  
Linda J. Thompson  
Joseph C. Sinatra  
Barbara Devereaux

During 1997, the four-member Board of Election Commissioners met one Tuesday each month to discuss voter registration activity, upcoming elections, and to approve all business relating to the operation of the Election Commission.

The Board of Election Commissioners office was serviced during the months of January and February by the Interdepartmental Assistant due to the illness of the election clerk.

The Board wishes to thank Marguerite Cunningham for the nine years of dedicated service to this board. Her experience and judgment was much appreciated.

The move of the Precinct Four voting area from the Hadley School to the First Church Congregational was due to the state mandate for handicap accessibility.

As of July 1, 1997, the election clerk's position was transferred to that of Interdepartmental Assistant. The Board of Selectmen closed the election office and had phone service disconnected. Since July 1, all election business has been conducted through the Selectmen's Office under the supervision of the Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen.

On December 1, 1997, an Interdepartmental Assistant was assigned exclusively to the Election Commission through the election season.

The Annual Town Census was conducted during the first quarter of 1997 as per Ch. 51 Sec. 4-7 of the Massachusetts General Laws which requires that persons of all ages be counted. The count was 13,557.

The Annual Town Election was held on Tuesday, April 22, 1997. At the close of voter registration, 9263 people were eligible to vote. A total of 2767 votes were cast. The results follow:

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Moderator</b>							
Blanks	122	157	127	160	170	165	801
Martin C. Goldman	329	312	262	300	275	352	1829
Write in	4	7	6	5	8	6	36
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767
<b>Selectmen</b>							
Blanks	25	25	20	20	15	29	134
Carole B. Shutzer	201	153	104	153	165	294	1070
Mary R. Marrs	94	120	120	110	76	84	603
Kevin G. Gookin	133	177	150	180	196	116	952
Write in	2	1	1	2	1	0	7
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767
Blanks	11	11	5	19	6	27	79
Reid J. Cassidy	124	151	119	146	132	178	849
Jack L. Paster	318	314	270	300	315	318	1835
Write in	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767



**Assessors**

Blanks	141	177	117	148	185	196	964
Robert W. Murphy	312	295	277	316	265	327	1791
Write in	2	4	1	1	3	0	11
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**Public Works**

Blanks	131	165	114	158	192	207	967
Richard M. Bessom	323	308	280	307	261	316	1794
Write in	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**School Committee**

Blanks	145	161	130	159	193	200	988
Kevin F. Breen	308	310	263	303	256	322	1761
Write in	2	5	2	3	4	1	17
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**Library Trustee**

Blanks	165	205	150	192	210	231	1153
Kelly Raskauskas	287	269	242	273	243	292	1605
Write in	3	2	3	0	0	0	8
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**Board of Health**

Blanks	138	186	136	179	190	182	1011
Nelson Kessler	316	289	257	286	262	340	1749
Write in	1	1	2	0	1	1	6
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**Planning Board**

Blanks	153	198	156	207	225	228	1167
Jeffrey Blonder	301	278	239	258	227	292	1594
Write in	1	0	0	0	1	3	5
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

**Comm. of Trust Funds**

Blanks	404	438	359	417	413	478	2508
Write in	51	38	36	48	40	45	258
Total	455	476	395	465	453	523	2767

<b>Precinct One</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Three Year Term	Lawrence F. Picariello	221
	Paul Losano	224
	William R. Hyde	237
	Vincent DiLisio	224
	Sally Anne Hyde	215
	Julius H. Alpert	203
	Robert E. Perry	230
	Alfred C. Speranza	195
	John A. Picariello	199
	Philip S. Yanofsky	203
	Theodore A. Patrikis	238
	John R. Daly	194
	Roberta A. Kaloust	187
	Frances M. Speranza	200
	John A. DiPietro	224
	Linda Whelton	5
	Peter Whelton	5
	Neil Montague	4
	Marcia Gingle	177
	Debra Smith	174
<b>Precinct Two</b>		
Three Year Term	Joseph Markarian Jr.	208
	Linda Newhall	248
	Vincent LaConte	226
	Edward A. Palleschi	279
	Kevin F. Breen	248
	Walter E. Newhall	245
	Louise LaConte	232
	Thomas Marcou	241
	Martha L. Marcou	233
	Marjorie D. Zicherman	184
	Karen LaConte	228
	Peter J. Cassidy	262
	Kathleen J. Magee	21
	John M. Coletti	15
	Maryann T. Sainato	14
	Ellen M. Reardon	13
	David Foye	11
	Lorene Jackson	8
	Albert Mazman	164
<b>Precinct Three</b>		
Three Year Term	Laura Herhold	119
	Vera C. Harrington	212
	J. Richard Maitland	197
	Jo Ann Baker	149
	Linda A. Pacak	152
	Barbara F. Eldridge	180
	Carol Huber	133
	Donna L. Farwell	143
	Anne Driscoll-Fields	149
	Richard Huber	125
	Gerard D. Perry	191
	Nancy Ann Harrington	153

	Daniel J. Dandreo III	201
	Mary T. Bragan	119
	Betty Dean Holmes	171
	George Fitzhenry	126
	John R. Cassidy	133
	Mark Thompson	170
Two Year Term	Barbara Banquer	11
	Daniel Banquer	11
One Year Term	Susan Buchanan	205
	Mitchell Wondolowski	138
<b>Precinct Four</b>		
Three Year Term	Nancy T. Hughes	211
	Robert W. Murphy	234
	Kevin G. Gookin	251
	Carol A.G. DiMento	245
	Robert E. Donelan	233
	Ann M. Bush	191
	William E. Shanahan	182
	Marilyn L. Cassidy	226
	Patricia D. Shanahan	175
	Daniel R. Santanello	275
	Janet N. Baker	222
	Peter Beatrice III	194
	William R. DiMento	236
	Joseph J. Balsama	260
	Richard J. Wilson	165
	Thomas H. Driscoll Jr.	243
	James J. Powers	163
	Christopher Mauriello	4
Two Year Term	Glenn D. Bartram	132
<b>Precinct Five</b>		
Three Year Term	R. Thomas Belhumeur	177
	Teresa J. Vatcher	198
	Howard M. Vatcher	174
	Harvey R. Greenberg	206
	Catherine Valleriani	179
	Richard E. Maitland	174
	Anne Cotellessa	122
	Alice Jane Winston	152
	Joyce L. Carden	149
	Cynthia Hatch Belhumeur	166
	Carl D. Reardon	164
	Louis Gallo	213
	Randall Patkin MD	141
	Ann M. Whittemore	185
	Linda C. Greenberg	164
	Veeder C. Nellis	174
	Alix Smullin	135
One Year Term	William F. Hennessey	187
	Anthony A. Scibelli	158
	Mersine Hennessey	208
<b>Precinct Six</b>		
Three Year Term	Mary Kelley Gupta	184
	Catherine F. Shulkin	175
	James L. Rudolph	230
	Richard C. Bane	261

Douglas F. Allen	228
Reid J. Cassidy	225
Carole B. Shutzer	334
Sylvia B. Belkin	183
Paul E. Levenson	243
Martin C. Goldman	247
Cyndy Taymore	263
Claire C. Dembowski	303
Reeva Oppenheim	194
Tami L. Bane	198
Gene Nigrelli	239
Brian T. Watson	135
Neil Rossman	229
Cynthia Merkle	143
Martha B. Pitman MD	128

One Year Term

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore A. Patrikis,  
Chairman



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The following is the report of the Fire Chief, for the year 1997:

During the year 1997, this department answered a total of 1606 alarms. Of these alarms, 32 were building fires, 71 were traffic accidents, 618 were medical aids. The remainder of these calls included lockouts, false alarms, mutual aid responses to other cities and towns, electrical fires, chimney fires, oil burner fires, details and miscellaneous incidents. We inspected and issued 32 permits for oil burners. There were 305 parcels of property inspected for smoke detectors. The law requires that all new homes be inspected for smoke detectors and also homes that are being sold.

### **APPARATUS**

The apparatus of this department is in excellent condition, and this reflects through the maintenance program begun by our former mechanic, Bob Pierro, and continues under the direction of our new mechanic, Bob Randall. The new fire rescue pumper purchased by the Town has arrived and is now in service. It is a state of the art pumper and the town should enjoy many years of service with its use. I will be looking for a new squad vehicle that has already been approved by the Capital Improvement Committee. This vehicle is the workhorse of the department, being used for plowing in the winter, getting to areas in the wooded section of town that the larger vehicles have trouble with and general use by the mechanic and other personnel. I have each year provided the Capital Improvement Committee a five-year replacement plan for this department. With their help, and that of the town meeting, our emergency equipment will always be top condition.

### **FIRE DRILLS AND INSPECTIONS**

Fire drills were conducted at all schools during the year 1997. Fire drills are conducted shortly after school opens in September, during Fire Prevention Week, and other times throughout the year. Some drills are conducted by the individual schools without fire department involvement. Many thanks to the faculty and students for the great job they do during these drills. All fire alarm systems are inspected by Dan Cahill, our electrical inspector, prior to school opening. Fire drills are conducted in accordance with the law at the Jewish Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, and for all buildings under the supervision of the Greater Lynn Mental Health and North Shore Association of Retarded Citizens. All mercantile, public and other buildings under our control are normally inspected each year as time and personnel permits. Inspection of property is a valuable part of the fire service, and I encourage all residents to call us with any questions they may have, that may better protect them in their homes. If we don't have the answer, we will get it for you. The number to call is 595-4050.

### **FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

The Fire Alarm System is maintained by the Town Electrical Inspector. Overhead wiring is still needed in some areas of the town and the inspector is replacing this as needed. I still want to emphasize to the residents the need of knowing the location of the nearest fire alarm box and the knowledge of how to use it. The fire alarm box can be used to summon help for any type of an emergency. The fire alarm box is not limited to fire related incidents, but can be used to summon help for medical aids, accidents and similar incidents requiring the fire and police. Anyone not familiar with the box operation, should call the fire department for instructions on its use. Do not hesitate to use the fire alarm box if necessary.

### **PERSONNEL**

During the year 1997, we had two retirees. Captain William Hood retired September 9, 1997. He was appointed as a firefighter June 27, 1971 and appointed to the rank of Captain on February 26, 1989. Captain Edward Lotti retired July 11, 1997. Captain Lotti was appointed to the department as a firefighter June 12, 1964 and appointed to the rank of Captain September 12, 1986. Both of these retirees worked provisionally before being appointed to the permanent rank of firefighter. I want to express my thanks to both of these fine men for the service they performed for the Town of Swampscott, and to wish them and their families the very best in their retirement.

Three new firefighters were appointed during the year 1997. They were as follows:  
Joseph Gambale, Nicholas DeFelice and Thomas O'Neill.

Firefighter David Fessenden was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and James Potts was also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- I recommend the appointment of a Deputy Fire Chief.
- I recommend the appointment of additional personnel to the department.
- I recommend the appointment of a Fire Prevention Officer.
- I recommend replacing fire alarm boxes and wiring throughout the town.
- I recommend a program of replacing fire department vehicles on a regular basis.
- I recommend the re-opening of Phillips Beach Fire Station.
- I recommend the fire department taking over the ambulance service.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, town meeting members and all town departments, especially to the Officers and Firefighters of my own department, for their cooperation during the year 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Hyde  
Chief of Department

## FOREST WARDEN

The following is the report of the Forest Warden for the year 1997:

During the year 1997, this department issued 23 burning permits to the residents of Swampscott. This was done in accordance with the law, which permits open burning during the period January 15 through May 1. This burning to consist of open burning of products of open space land husbandry and management, including materials commonly referred to as brush including vegetation such as tree branches, brush, cane, driftwood and other forestry debris but excluding grass, hay or leaves. The permit for such burning to be obtained from the Head of the Fire Department.

Such burning shall be performed in accordance with the following requirements: a) without causing a nuisance, b) with smoke minimizing starters if starters are necessary, c) between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning until four o'clock in the afternoon, d) on land proximate to the place of generation of such products or at such place as may be designated in the permit.

Violations shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars per day, and each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Hyde  
Chief of Department

## HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William F. Hennessey - Chairman

Lawrence P. Bithell  
Geraldyn P.M. Falco  
Lawrence A. Mangini

Peter C. McCarriston  
John J. O'Shea  
Louis D. Williams

Throughout the year, members of the Harbor Advisory Committee, because of their special interests and qualifications, provide the Board of Selectmen with insight and recommendations on matters related to the Swampscott waterfront.

On a matter of significant interest to many, the Harbor Advisory Committee responded to concerns relating to the safe operation of personal watercraft (jet-skis, waverunners, etc.) on Swampscott waters. This particular class of vessel represents by far the fastest growing segment of the boating industry. Weighing approximately 400 pounds, jet-skis are capable of speeds typically up to sixty miles per hour. Safe use of these vessels for the operators as well as other boaters, bathers, and marine wildlife has become a challenge to the community. The Harbor Advisory Committee therefore urges the Town, through the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the Harbormaster's Department, to strenuously enforce state and local laws applicable to the operation of personal watercraft. We especially recommend and will sponsor a Town Meeting Article for the establishment and marking of designated swim areas throughout the town. This, in effect, will result in the segregation of these vessels from swimming beaches which heretofore have presented the greatest potential for injury to swimmers.

From an esthetic standpoint, the Harbor Advisory Committee continues to be concerned about the tendency of certain individuals to dispose of household trash in the area of the Fishhouse, one of Swampscott's few National Historic Landmarks. These concerns have been addressed in meetings with the Board of Health and we have also worked with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management in an anti-litter initiative which hopefully will discourage the "trashing" of the area surrounding the Historic Fishhouse. Contrary to the manner in which too many thoughtless individuals treat this area, it is not the town dump.

Without question, the most significant concern of the Harbor Advisory Committee is the condition of the 37-year-old Town Pier. An inspection report commissioned by the Department of Public Works in September of 1995 confirms the dire need for reconstruction of the pier and adjacent boat launching ramp. These facilities are a focal point of our community which absolutely must be maintained as serviceable or they must otherwise be closed. The Harbor Advisory Committee recommends and will seek support of associated town departments, committees, and Town Meeting for reconstruction of the Town Pier and launch ramp on an urgent basis.

Although members of the Harbor Advisory Committee serve because of their special concern for the Swampscott waterfront, we realize that many citizens choose to reside in Swampscott, among other reasons, for the town's proximity to the sea. Input from any interested individuals is earnestly solicited and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Hennessey  
Chairman  
Swampscott Harbor Advisory Committee



## HARBORMASTER'S DEPARTMENT

Lawrence P. Bithell, Harbormaster

Assistant Harbormasters

Roger Bruley

William Hennessey

John Cawley

Susan Kifney

The 1997 boating season featured weather which, but for one nasty storm in August, was one of the nicest in memory. An offshore tropical storm which many meteorologists attributed to the El Nino phenomenon resulted in weekend weather throughout the summer which most boaters termed ideal. The only exception was the one August event which featured nominal winds but extremely heavy seas resulting in large breaking waves at the outer limits of the mooring field.

These waves took a heavy toll. Altogether, six vessels succumbed to the surf with three boats being destroyed and with three sustaining severe damage.

The Swampscott Harbormaster's Department maintains a community oriented posture. It exists to manage the mooring permit and placement systems, to assure the safety of vessels and boaters alike, and to enforce federal, state, and local regulations within our jurisdiction. In 1997, 175 vessels were moored in Swampscott waters.

As in past years, the department expended considerable time and effort maintaining the town boat. The boat continues to look and perform beautifully as it enters its fourteenth year of service. While we expect that the boat will continue to serve the town well for many years to come, the engine is entering its seventh year of service and, in the interest of reliability and safety, it should be replaced for the 1999 season.

The Swampscott Harbormaster's Department continues, as it has for many years, to maintain an active affiliation with the Massachusetts Harbormasters' Association. Through participation in regular meetings of the association, we have established significant relationships with harbormasters and assistant harbormasters from Winthrop to Salisbury and from all coastal communities in between. Through this association, we gain considerable knowledge, receive training updates, and have access to mutual aid in case of emergencies or otherwise as might become necessary. In 1997, the Harbormasters' Association established a \$500 scholarship available to a student from a member community who pursues a program of higher education in a marine or environment related field. A Swampscott student, as a result of the Harbormaster's Department's participation in this association, is eligible for this award.

In 1997, the Harbormaster's Department also worked closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Neighborhood Crime Watch Commission. Swampscott thus became a member of the North Shore Regional Water Safety Task Force and a participant in the Waterfront Crime Watch Program, all intended to reduce crime and to promote boating safety. All of this was accomplished at no cost to the town.

For operations of the Harbormaster's Department to be successful, the cooperation of many individuals, boards, committees, and agencies throughout the town is necessary. As such, we again extend our appreciation to Town Meeting, to the Board of Selectmen, to the Department of Public Works, to the Police and Fire Departments, to the Finance Committee, and to the Swampscott Yacht Club for their outstanding support throughout the year. The Harbor Advisory Committee deserves special mention in this report as do the Assistant Harbormasters for their considerable and capable volunteer service.

Finally, the cooperation and support of the Swampscott boaters whom we serve is most appreciated for it is you who ultimately make boating in our magnificent seaside community such a safe, wholesome, and pleasant pastime.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence P. Bithell  
Harbormaster

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Wendy A. Lyons, LCSW, Chairman  
Arthur Freedman, DVM  
Nelson Kessler

During 1997 the Board of Health was a busy office. The Board of Health continued its inter-municipal agreement with Marblehead, sharing the Director of Public Health, inspectional and clerical services.

Recycling and trash continued to be a main focus for the Board. We entered a new recycling drop-off contract with North Shore Recycled Fibers in the spring of this past year. Under the new contract Swampscott continues to recycle paper, cardboard, metal and plastics #1 through #7. This contract was jointly developed with the Swampscott and Marblehead Boards of Health.

Under the direction of the Recycling Committee and Chairman Nelson Kessler, Swampscott held four metal drop-off days. We also co-sponsored a household hazardous waste drop-off day with Marblehead.

The Recycling Company contracted by the Town was sold this year to a large corporation. The Town has seen some difficulties in the proper pickup of recycling and has been addressing these issues as they develop. The Health Director and the clerk continue to work on developing clear protocol and communications regarding the pick-up.

At Town Meeting it was again voted to direct the Board of Health to establish a trash fee. After careful review of cost and contractual obligations the Board found it necessary to increase the trash fee from \$130 to \$136 for FY '98. During the past six months the Board has been exploring the idea of a "Pay As You Throw" program for FY '99. The program would involve purchasing bags or stickers for trash left curbside. The cost of the bags or stickers would cover administering the program and contractual costs of trash and recycling pickup and disposal. By paying for the cost of what you throw out for trash, you would be able to eliminate the trash fee gradually and pay equitably as to the amount you throw away. Those with a small amount of trash would pay less. The program would also encourage people to recycle more.

The Board of Health again held flu clinics at St. John's School Hall and the Senior Center. The Public Health Nurse, and many volunteers, administered over 1,500 flu vaccines and 200 pneumonia vaccines. We wish to thank Fr. Sheehy for the donation of the hall and the many volunteers who helped make the flu clinic a success again this year.

The Board of Health Nurse completed 104 blood lead tests. These tests are conducted at the Board of Health office and the Day Care Centers licensed by the Board of Health. Two hundred and fifty tuberculin tests were given to teachers, school personnel, school volunteers, students and health care workers. The Public Health Nurse also conducted blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center once a month.

This year there were 160 deaths in Swampscott with heart disease being the number one cause of death followed by cancer. There were 134 births, 67 females and 67 males.

The Board of Health again upgraded the smoking regulations in the Town. With the assistance of the Board of Public Works we established no smoking regulations in all of the Tot Lots in all Parks in Town. Also, in conjunction with the School Department, to improve neighborhood relations and a healthy environment around the schools the Board established a no smoking zone within 60 feet of the schools. The Board held three hearings to allow variances to the smoking regulations for two restaurants in town and to extend the variance for the Knights of Columbus Bingo. All three variances were granted and are to be reviewed annually.

The North Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, DARE and the Board of Health conducted two tobacco compliance checks. Swampscott continues to have 100 percent compliance. Congratulations to all that participate!

The rental occupancy permit program, instituted in 1995, has continued to be successful. It provides additional revenue for the Town as well as insuring the apartments in Swampscott are kept up to State Sanitary Code. This benefits the Town, the landlord and the tenants. The inspectors have been busy with the permits and follow-up.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members and a great office staff: Diane Erickson, Clerk, Joar Myers, RN, Public Health Nurse, Wayne Attridge, Director of Public Health, the inspectors, Jean Jaynes and Rita Dana, and Pat Zuchero, part time clerk, for all of their support this year.

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Swampscott Historical Commission continues to work on collecting, preserving and supervising historical materials, places and objects.

The Rail Road Depot's National Register of Historic Places application was filed with the Massachusetts Historical Commission last summer. The final review is tentatively scheduled for this spring.

We are extremely pleased to inform the citizens of Swampscott that the "gate" at the entrance to Gale Road, discussed in last year's report, is now in great shape thanks to the efforts of Richard Baldacci of Baldacci Design, a Swampscott based construction company, and the generous support of several local citizens.

The Historical Commission reviewed several Planning Board Site Plan Review applications, not finding any plans objectionable from a historic standpoint.

Several displays were organized for the Town Hall and High School display cases.

We continue to be involved with the maintenance and repair of the Town Administration Building, Fish House and other historical building and properties.

Special thanks go to the Selectmen, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk and their staffs along with other elected officials for their continued support.

Louis A. Gallo, Chairman



## HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

1997 was a significant year for the Swampscott Housing Partnership. The Partnership is the town committee formed to consider and address issues of housing affordability in our community. The Housing Partnership was formed four years ago in connection with Swampscott's entry into the North Shore HOME Consortium, a collaborative of 23 cities and towns throughout Northeastern Massachusetts which collectively apply for and receive funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME program. Through the creation of this regional consortium, smaller towns like Swampscott that would not otherwise be eligible for federal affordable housing program funding can, through their alliance with larger "entitlement" communities, gain access to these federal housing funds.

The North Shore HOME consortium distributes a percentage of available HOME funding on a per capita basis to each participating city and town. A separate pool of funds is held to be awarded to communities or non-profit housing developers on a competitive basis. Swampscott receives approximately \$30,000 annually in population based funding and is also eligible for access to competitive pool funds.

Since the formation of the Consortium and the housing partnership, Swampscott committee members have reviewed relative need in the community for different kinds of housing alternatives. The committee members felt, after this review, that the greatest unmet need in the town of Swampscott was the relative scarcity of affordable rental housing opportunities. Greater access to affordable rental housing could be achieved through two different uses of the available HOME funding. The Committee could have chosen to develop tenant based rental assistance programs under which the available funds would be committed to individual tenants to help pay a portion of their rent. Alternatively, the funding could be used to purchase and rehabilitate a multifamily dwelling within the community to be rented at affordable levels to eligible families. After reviewing these alternatives the Committee reasoned that the acquisition and rehabilitation of one or more multi-family dwelling held the most promise for the preservation of long term affordability of some rental housing units in this real estate poor and high cost housing community.

For most of the last two years, the Committee has investigated the feasibility of developing various properties using the HOME funding set aside available to the town of Swampscott. The Committee has worked in collaboration with Lynn Economic Opportunity, the Community Action and anti-poverty agency serving Swampscott and neighboring communities. Committee members, LEO staffers and LEO architects and housing rehabilitation experts have visited and inspected most multifamily dwelling that have come on the market in Swampscott, seeking to develop an economically feasible acquisition and rehabilitation project.

After many disappointments, in late summer of this year, the Committee reviewed a property at 39-41 New Ocean Street which ultimately proved appropriate for purchase and rehabilitation. This property's market price together with necessary rehabilitation costs was within the means of the Committee using available HOME funding accumulated over the previous three years. The property was also highly desirable as rental housing for families of limited means because its location was central to and accessible to public transportation, to shopping and services and to town facilities. The property was also considered desirable because it is located in one of the few areas of the community that could be considered blighted, with the old fire station nearby continuing to fall into greater and greater levels of disrepair. Beginning a process of improving this particular neighborhood with potential to consider improving other properties in the same area will permit the town and the partnership to play a meaningful role in neighborhood improvement as well as affordable housing access. The property is also particularly useful because of its two apartment units, one is a four-bedroom unit, a rarity in the community at any cost.

In October of 1997, the Partnership, with the support of the Swampscott Board of Selectmen, committed the available Swampscott HOME funding allotment to Lynn Economic Opportunity for the specific purpose of acquiring and rehabilitating the property at 39-41 New Ocean Street. With the HOME allotment and additional funding provided by the Salem Five Bank and Trust, Leo purchased the property in late October. Rehabilitation and deleading of the property has proceeded since that time and the two units will be leased to low income renters shortly. As part of the agreement for LEO to gain access to the funding to complete this project, the organization committed to maintain rents in both apartments at levels determined to be affordable for low and very low income individuals for a minimum of 25 years.

During the period that this purchase was underway, the existing membership of the Partnership changed significantly. Two of the three committee members, Bruce Chesley, the Committee's long time chair, and Christopher Bibby left the Committee. Their tireless efforts over the years to locate a suitable property were largely responsi-



ble for the Committee's ultimate success developing this venture. Mr. Chesley and Mr. Bibby were replaced on the Committee by two new members, Bill Brauner and Pam Shea, both of whom have significant experience in non-profit housing development and bring significant expertise to the Committee's future efforts.

During the coming year the Committee plans to continue to search for additional suitable sites for affordable rental housing development. In addition, the Committee members expect to begin a more broad based review of local policies and circumstances that have an impact on access to affordable housing in Swampscott. The Committee expects these first two units of affordable rental housing to come on line in January or February of 1998. The Committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation during the year as this initial project was developed and brought to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Dolloff  
Chair, Swampscott Housing Partnership

## INSPECTOR OF WIRES

During 1997, the office of the Inspector of Wires and Fire Alarm Inspector issued 276 permits. Fees collected totalled \$33,398.

These permits represent work on new houses and repairs to existing homes and commercial projects. Fees more than covered the expense of this office.

Approximately \$8,000 was collected in fees for Fire Alarm Master Boxes on existing buildings.

New fire alarm cable was run from New Ocean St. to Columbia St. and Beach Ave. Also, Humphrey St. at Temple Israel to Orchard Circle, Stanley School, Thomas Rd., Devens Rd., up to Walker Rd. and Paradise Rd., by way of Paradise Rd. This revamping was paid from fees collected.

Renovations to the Swampscott Public Library were completed as well as completion of the Bertram House.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Cahill, Inspector

Fire Alarm Inspector

Helen M. Collins, Administrative Assistant

## SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Alyce Deveau, Director

Paul Wermuth, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Carl Reardon, Vice-Chairman

Kelly Gilbert Raskauskas, Secretary

The year 1997 was one of great accomplishments for the Swampscott Public Library. All of the work of the past 3½ years — the fundraising efforts, the toil of the library staff and volunteers — came to fruition with the dedication of the new building in September.

But for a fair portion of the year, the library had to function in cramped quarters, while work on the addition went forward. Limited to the older 1916 building, the library nonetheless functioned with reasonable effectiveness. In February, the library closed for a period of weeks while the staff moved furniture and books into the new addition, so the old building could be renovated. Once this was done, we opened for the summer months, but closed again in August in order to move books and furniture back into the entire building. Fortunately, all was in place for the dedication of the building on September 14.

The dedication, a gala affair, was attended by hundreds of Swampscott residents. Selectman Carole Shutzer, chairman of the fundraising committee, welcomed everyone while Reverend Dean Pedersen of the First Congregational Church dedicated the building. Speeches were given by Paul Wermuth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Alyce Deveau, Director of the Library; Elia Marnick, Vice Chairman of the Board of Library Commissioners; Sandra Moltz, President of the Friends of the Library; and Representative Doug Peterson.

During the gala, students from the Swampscott High School provided chamber music in the reference room, while Swampscott authors signed copies of their works in the main reading room. Champagne and desserts were provided to the adults and apple juice and cookies to the children by the Committee for the New Swampscott Library.

Along with the other changes in the library, there was also a shifting of staff. Stephen Fulchino, who had been director of the library for 7 years, and one of those people very instrumental in the renovation project, left to assume the position of Chief Librarian at the State Library in the State House. Alyce Deveau was appointed his replacement in July. Maureen McCarthy was promoted to Head of Circulation and Ann Nechtem became Assistant Head. Two new library assistants were added, Cynthia Lang and Yelena Kuzmina.

Despite the difficulties of the year, the children's department functioned valiantly. Beth Coughlin and Izzi Abrams, children's librarians, continued story times, reading programs, Friday videos, and many other programs.

With the opening of the new building, the Friends of the Library purchased some new museum passes, and we can now offer our patrons passes to the Computer Museum, Isabella Gardner Museum, John F. Kennedy Library, the USS Constitution, as well as the Science Museum, the Peabody/Essex Museum, the Children's Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts. We also offer new programs, such as a Book Discussion group that meets monthly; a program for Russian immigrants that enables them to practice their English skills; and a monthly Coffee Hour during which we present programs of interest to the community.

As we review the year, we also look to the future. The Committee for the New Swampscott Library was completely successful in raising the \$650,000 it pledged for the building fund. Now it hopes to continue its efforts to raise more money to finish the basement stack area, to turn the former children's room on the third floor into a public meeting room, and eventually to replace the palladium windows in the original building with energy-efficient ones.

The realization of this new building could never have come about without the help of so many volunteers. Trustees and the staff wish to thank the following for their extensive service: Gardner and Shirley Gould, Cynthia Lang, Phyllis Raimo, Yelena Kuzmina, Gray Lynch, Janet Nussman, Connie Kiley, Connie Cawley, Rose Fishman, Adele Taymore, Ruth Rolin, Jean Vonderschmidt. These persons exhibited the true spirit of volunteerism.

The Trustees of the Library also would like to thank the Committee for the New Swampscott Public Library: Carole Shutzer, Chairman; Nelson Darling, Jr., Vice Chairman; Alice Goldsmith, Vice Chairman; Gardner Gould, Treasurer, Colin Maclaurin, Secretary; and Lynn Sears, Publicity.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who helped to make this year so very special to the library. The completion of the building took a unified effort, and one that can make the entire town proud. We at the library invite everyone to visit what we consider a monument to the cooperative effort of the town.



## MAPC REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF 1997

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support, and offers technical aid on selected special projects. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration and as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.

MAPC completed another successful year of working with its communities, state agencies, various non-profit groups, universities, businesses, special interest coalitions, state and federal legislators, and other regional planning agencies. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, eight of which were in the different subregions. These meetings plus special workshops, seminars, focus groups, and conferences linked together the hundreds of issues and individuals who are part of the Boston area's and the nation's planning scene. It was this network that provided the energy, vision and focus for MAPC's activities in the region.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO are responsible for programming about \$40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP also included \$10 million for "Enhancement projects", and \$3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency MAPC's role in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

As always, the agency also participated in a variety of transportation related projects. One of the major efforts this year involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management system project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in participating in this effort that MAPC is currently staffing. As part of this project the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991. The accompanying data documents the results of urban sprawl that has occurred showing a 15% growth in land development with only a 5% growth in population. MAPC staff has also been working with graduate students at the Harvard Graduate School of Design on a report outlining the potential for open space protection as the region continues to grow. During the past year the agency increased its association with the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area planning project with the expectation that the agency will become one of the groups officially involved in the establishment of this new federal/state facility.

MAPC produced a number of publications during 1997. This past year the agency published its first yearly calendar with each month displaying maps containing different demographic data of interest to communities in the region and their residents. The Data Center also published a report, *Top Employers*, which listed by community the number of employees per establishment in the region. Other recent projects include a Title 5 compliance computer software application for Ashland and Hopkinton, economic forecasting for several agencies, school enrollment forecasts for several communities, and updates to the community profile series. The Data Center, working with Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Boston, also completed a collaborative project known as The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas. This atlas provides access via the Internet to information on the 351 cities and towns in the state. All the information can be downloaded.

The GIS Lab completed numerous projects for both individual communities and for the region as a whole. Staff worked with Watertown on developing a tree inventory for the community. They also completed a wireless com-



munication siting study for one of the subregions, an open space update for another, and a comprehensive regional zoning report for yet another. GIS staff conducted a number of workshops on parcel data automation and acted as an information resource for municipalities interested in beginning or expanding their GIS programs.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commissions, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation. MAPC continued to participate with the South Weymouth Naval Air Station reuse planning project. One MAPC staff member was contracted to work part time for the Town of Rockland on planning issues related to the base closure and reuse.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.

MAPC updated its Overall Economic Development Program for 1997, analyzing the regional economy and economic development needs, and revising the list of projects eligible for federal funds through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The agency administered a Community Adjustment Planning Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine community responses to defense industry downsizing and evaluate defense dependencies of small and mid-sized municipalities. The project included several focus groups and a regional forum. A final report on strategies to adjust and diversify local economies in response to reduced defense spending will be completed in early 1998.

## NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Edmund W. Barry, Jr.  
Superintendent-Director,  
North Shore Regional Vocational School District

North Shore Technical High School, operated by the North Shore Regional Vocational School District, is in its sixth year of operation in its Middleton facility. The District administrative offices are located adjacent to the high school. The gymnasium is also a separate building located behind the school. The facility also includes a transportation building.

Student enrollment as of October 1, 1997 was 457. There continues to be a strong interest in vocational education and in the small, homelike atmosphere offered by North Shore. The school, however, continues to experience space shortages in classrooms, shop areas, the library, the cafeteria, and an auditorium is needed.

The Transportation Department provided transportation for 354 students on a daily basis to and from school. Also provided were three late buses, three days a week, to transport students home that stayed after school for various reasons. Sports buses were provided to bring the students to and from practice fields as well as to all of the games. Late buses were provided on a daily basis to bring sports players home after games or practice.

The Ninth Grade Exploratory Program has students explore each vocational/technical area on a rotating basis and their performance is evaluated by the shop teachers to assist in proper student course selection for grade 10.

North Shore Technical High School also serves a large percentage of special needs students in an Inclusion Model in many classes. Interscholastic sports and intramural programs are conducted. The school also participates in the School-to-Work and Tech Prep Programs. The Cooperative Education Work Program allows qualified students to work at their trade prior to graduation.

Students from sixteen member communities, as well as several other North Shore communities, receive both academic instruction leading to a high school diploma and vocational-technical education in a wide variety of program areas leading to a vocational certificate. Student placement in trade-related employment, the military and further education averages 98% per year.

The development of the physical education and athletic fields has taken a step forward. One area has been completed for use this spring. This area will accommodate physical education classes and softball practice and games. The second area had all the site work finished, mainly through the effort of the Army National Guard. It is hoped that this spring the baseball infield, irrigation system, backstop, and fencing can be completed. One HVAC unit has been replaced. The masonry addition is scheduled for completion this month. With the assistance of the students in the various vocational programs, improvements have been made on the grounds.

Adult Evening Education at North Shore is a self-supporting program that offers more than 45 vocational-technical classes that enhance the professional and personal lives of the adult members of our community. The Program serves nearly 900 adult students participating in a wide variety of courses. Popular fields of study include, computers, health, construction, welding, culinary, automotive and business skills. A number of courses have state approval for professional and trade license preparation.

## PERSONNEL BOARD

Ann M. Whittemore, Chairman  
Paul E. Garland (ret.)  
Gene Nigrelli

Peter McCarriston  
William F. Hennessey, Clerk  
Gary P. Langdon

During 1997, the Personnel Board held several meetings and public hearings on proposed changes to the Personnel Board By-Laws and Salary Plan. The Personnel Board reviewed benefits and salary scales of those positions covered by the Personnel Board By-Laws and Salary Plan and met with various department heads in that connection. The Personnel Board recommended creating the position of Assistant Assessor which was approved by the Annual Town Meeting.

The Personnel Board would like to thank the Town Accountant for his invaluable assistance and input and Gerard Perry, former Secretary of the Finance Committee, for his assistance. Former Executive Secretary Richard Leary also provided valuable input and suggestions for which we thank him.

The year 1997 marked the retirement of Paul Garland from the Personnel Board after 30 years of service, 20 of them as Chairman, truly an enviable record of public service. Paul's advice, counsel and wisdom will be sorely missed. We thank him for his long years of service and wish him good luck and success in his many other civic endeavors.

## PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held seventeen (17) meetings during the year ending December 31, 1997 to review and to provide recommendations on various plans submitted to it under the Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, and on site plans submitted to it in accordance with Swampscott Town By-Laws. Discussions were held with Swampscott residents, developers, contractors, architects and engineers regarding these matters to provide guidance and to assure compliance with Town By-Laws and regulations. Approval action was taken on thirty (30) plans and site plan review applications after Board members had made site inspections and discussed statutory and community considerations with the applicants and their attorneys.

The Board monitored existing and recently approved projects for compliance with stipulated conditions and Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

Public hearings were held on the following proposed amendments to the Swampscott Zoning By-Law prior to the Planning Board submitted recommendations to Town Meeting for its action.

Home Occupations

Lots in Common or Separate Ownership

The following officers were re-elected in 1997 to serve the Board: Eugene Barden as chairman, John Phelan as vice-chairman and Veeder Nellis as clerk.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation to other Town boards and officials for their cooperation in helping to promote the Town's interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Barden, Chairman

Jeffrey Blonder

Richard McIntosh

Veeder Nellis

John Phelan



# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Swampscott Police Department is a community oriented police department.

The department is committed to excellence in response to the needs of all our citizens, all who are challenged by physical, emotional, or health considerations, all who have chosen an alternative life style, all religions, all ages, all races, all colors, all creeds, and all nationalities. Discrimination toward any person or group is not tolerated in any form by this department. All persons have value and dignity. While all are required equally to obey the law, all shall receive the equal protection of the law.

With community service as our foundation, we are driven by goals to enhance the quality of life, investigating problems, as well as incidents, seeking solutions and fostering a sense of security in the community and in its people.

We nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. To fulfill our mission, the Swampscott Police Department is dedicated to providing a quality work environment, and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

We exist to serve all people with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property, the preservation of peace, order and safety, the enforcement of the laws of the Town of Swampscott, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States of America, and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

We shall seek to fulfill our mission in the most effective and efficient manner, fully aware of our fiduciary responsibility as trustees of public funds.

John E. Toomey  
Chief of Police

## **1997 Community Policing Report**

In the twentieth century the police have been regarded as the sole guardians of law and order. Community Oriented Policing requires citizens to become allies in the effort to enhance the safety and quality of life in the community. It involves the active participation of local government, civic and business leaders, public and private agencies, residents and schools. Community policing redefines the police mission to focus on solving problems. Traditional police response has involved handling each call for service. Community policing requires that we look at groups of calls and identify the root causes. In partnership with the community, strategies for solving the underlying problems can be devised.

The Swampscott Police Department began a shift to a philosophy of community policing in 1993 when we recognized the need to provide a broader array of services to the community. An officer was assigned to oversee a variety of programs designed to increase community involvement in the problem solving efforts of the Department. A new position of family Service Officer was created. This officer's primary duties focus on family related issues, including domestic violence, child sexual abuse, juvenile crime and runaways. This officer has formed a relationship with the schools through the D.A.R.E program.

In 1997 we began scheduling regular office hours at the High School Prevention Office providing an officer as a resource to students and staff. This officer was available to talk to classes as well. The result has been an improved relationship and increased communication with the school administration. We have shown that the police are not limited to enforcement as their only response to teen problems such as fighting, harassment, bias crimes and teen dating violence. We have had a role in intervening with teens before a problem demands a more traditional police response.

In 1997 bike patrols conducted on weekend nights were found to be effective in dealing with complaints of youths congregating, drinking and using drugs in public places. The bikes were particularly useful for patrolling areas not accessible to conventional methods of patrol. The Bike Officers have proven to be more approachable by the public, particularly children, than officers on motor patrols. Officers have provided safety talks at the elementary schools, and various community organizations, such as the Brownies, Cub Scouts and church groups. With the help of local ice cream vendors we provided free cones to children who wear safety helmets while riding

their bikes. The Police Department provided two Kiddie I.D. events in which children were photographed and fingerprinted in a program of providing identification in the event of a child being lost or abducted.

In 1997 we worked with the Essex County District Attorneys Office to implement a Youthful Diversion Program. This program allows for counseling and community service to be mandated by the court as an alternative to criminal action for certain offenses up to age 21. This program is unique to Swampscott cases within the Lynn District Court system and required that we assume the obligation of assigning and overseeing the community service of the youth. We had 26 young people involved in the program in 1997. The bulk of the community service was referred to the Swampscott Senior Center where the young people have assisted in serving hot meals. This has been considered successful and has even resulted in several of the youth continuing to volunteer after they have fulfilled their obligation to the court.

Officers met regularly with the Director of the Council on Aging to determine ways in which the Police Department can better serve the elders of the community. In 1997 we started a practice of registering elders with dementia with a national registry as well as an in house system. This will aid us in returning persons who are lost to their homes quickly and safely.

Officers participated in monthly meetings of the Swampscott Health Advisory Committee. The Committee is made up of representatives of the community including school officials, student peer leaders, the council on aging, clergy, parents and health educators. As a result of these meetings we have made strides in forging alliances with many factions of the community. We have worked together to address problems in the community particularly those affecting the youth of Swampscott.

The Police Department funded a student risk survey which was conducted at the High School. This survey provided some insight into the degree of certain behaviors such as drug and alcohol use and exposure to violence among Swampscott students compared to other communities.

We participated in several public forums during which issues affecting teens in Swampscott were discussed. These included alcohol and drug use, students congregating on school property after school hours and the results of the Student Risk Survey.

We have worked closely with the Swampscott High-School Peer Leader Organization. With the Peer Leaders we hosted a variety of events directed toward the young people of the Town. These events have included concerts, dances and a series of "Coffee Houses." The Police and the Peer Leaders hosted a dance for the Middle School students held at the High School. An hour before the dance was set aside for the purpose of having the High-School Peer Leaders speak to the students about issues such as peer pressure and what it is like being in High School. We also took the opportunity to get the students' ideas for alternatives to just hanging around at night in Swampscott. The Peer Leaders assisted the police in the distribution and tabulation of a community survey. The purpose of this survey was to assess the nature of the problem of "youths congregating in public places." We have supported the Peer Leaders in their efforts to be positive role models and provide alternatives to peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol and participated in a Peer Leader training workshop designed to provide Peer Leaders with the skills needed to recognize and counsel their peers about issues relating to teen dating violence.

Five officers attended a conflict resolution seminar and two of those officers received additional training in civil remedies to neighborhood nuisances. Ten officers attended a workshop on hate crimes and victim awareness at the Holocaust Center in Peabody.

Two Officers have been assigned to act as mediators in community conflicts which come to the attention of the police department. It is our hope that many problems might benefit from early intervention. Neighborhood disputes often result into physical confrontations if allowed to escalate unchecked. These officers are particularly aware of issues surrounding hate crimes and are vigilant for any indication that a group or individual's civil rights are being infringed upon.

In 1997 The Police Department purchased a Query Station designed to let us access data from our computer system in a useful and coherent manner. It allows us to extract an unlimited variety of data set and reports from our Police Server data base. This allows us to look at factors affecting selected problems i.e. who the complainants are, who the offenders are and what locations are affected.

In the interest of fostering greater community input the Police Department created an interactive web site on the Internet. The public can E-mail us as well as fill out two surveys. We provide information about the various programs within the police department. We also provide crime information and address issues such as safe use of the internet for kids, and bike safety.

In 1997 the Police Department opened a Community Office in the Swampscott Mall. Stop and Shop supermarket donated space which we converted into an office that is staffed during the day by an officer. This Community Office provides greater access to the public for a variety of purposes such as obtaining information and filing reports. General comments and feedback are also welcome. The Officer assigned to the office is responsi-



ble for calls in the Vinnin Square area and is afforded greater flexibility when solving problems on his beat. It is anticipated that this office will result in a decrease in incidence of crime in the area and provide the added benefit of increasing contact with the law-abiding citizens of the community.

### **Family Services Officer 1997 Report**

The family services officer continues to provide victims of domestic violence with information and services that is needed to break the cycle of violence. This officer provides the victims of domestic violence with one contact within the police station that is up to date on the laws and dynamics of domestic violence. Having this contact person provides the victims with the sense that the police department will do everything within its powers to help to keep them safe. It also allows the victim to maintain a sense of privacy by not having to repeat their story to several different officers.

The family services officer obtained a grant from the Federal Government to enhance the enforcement of domestic violence. This grant paid for the entire department to be trained in many different aspects of this crime. The classes consisted of information on the dynamics of domestic violence so that the officers would better understand why victims stay in abusive relationships and the incredibly important role that the police can have in helping these victims break away from their abusers. The class also updated each officer in the ever-changing laws surrounding domestic violence so that they would understand their responsibilities when responding to these calls. The grant also paid for a new camera system that enables us to capture the crucial evidence of bruises or damaged property.

### **1997 D.A.R.E. Report**

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a collaborative effort by DARE certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The emphasis of DARE is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence.

The DARE program offers preventive strategies to enhance those protective factors - especially bonding to the family, school and community - which appears to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors. Researchers have identified certain protective and social bonding factors in the family, school, and community which may foster resiliency in young people, in other words, the capacity of young people for healthy, independent growth in spite of adverse conditions. These strategies focus on the development of social competence, communication skills, self-esteem, empathy, decision-making, conflict resolution, sense of purpose and independence, and positive alternative activities to drug abuse and other destructive behaviors.

The program content for DARE is organized into seventeen 45 to 60 minute lessons to be taught by a law enforcement officer with suggested extended activities to be integrated into other instruction by the classroom teacher. A specially trained officer is assigned to the school one day a week for one semester to conduct weekly lessons in grades 5 or 6. Student participation in the DARE program may be incorporated as an integral part of the school's curricular offering in health, science, social studies, language arts, or other subject(s) as appropriate.

The DARE program - offered in concert with other school-based prevention activities and intervention strategies for the identification, early intervention, and aftercare support of students at risk for substance abuse - may be viewed as a comprehensive substance abuse program that meets the goals of the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

Through the use of grants the Swampscott DARE program has been able to build upon the curriculum. We have enhanced the educational components of the program with the addition of special programs. One such program was to work with the Swampscott High School students in SADD to produce a simulated drinking and driving accident. This simulation was extremely powerful. Other educational components were a play about domestic violence, a Middle School dance with an educational component provided by the High School peer leaders, and a talk from a former professional football player about the dangers of drugs.

We have also been able to provide the DARE students with many positive alternative activities. In concert with the North Shore Tobacco Control Initiative we participated in the regional Hot Shots basketball tournament, we sent several students to the DARE summer camp, we participated in the fifth grade field day, and the Friday night basketball league targeting grades 6, 7, and 8.

We have also stepped up enforcement of underage alcohol and drug use. We have been using bike patrols to target outdoor areas where underage drinking has been known to occur. As a result our calls to these areas have significantly been reduced. We have also conducted two tobacco stings. This is the third consecutive year of compliance checks and the results have gone from a 33% failure rate to a 100% compliance rate. We also conducted an alcohol compliance check, which resulted in one violation.

We have begun taking steps to expand the DARE program through the training of our DARE officer in the Middle School curriculum and training a second officer in the core curriculum.

### **Training 1997**

Lt. Wilson attended a two (2) week Advanced Accident Investigation Class in February of 1997 as part of this Department's Traffic Safety Program.

### **Medical Training 1997**

During 1997 officers from this department attended the following emergency medical training to either maintain or to receive original certifications in CPR, First Responder, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Semi-Auto Defibrillator.

1. Six (6) officers maintained or renewed their Emergency Medical Technician certification.
  2. Thirty-Two (32) members were certified or recertified in First Responder Training (26 Regular and 6 Specials).
  3. Thirty (30) officers were certified or recertified in the use of Semi-Auto Defibrillator (26 recerts and 6 original certs).
  4. Thirty-Eight (38) officers were recertified in CPR during 1997 (32 regulars and 6 specials).
- \*\* In April Lt. Wilson attended a one day LEAPS regional working group computer meeting.
  - \*\* Acting Captain Alex and Officer Dube attended monthly user group meetings at Pamet Headquarters.
  - \*\* In September Officers Matherson, McCarriston, and Delano were assigned to assist Acting Captain Alex with computer related duties.
  - \*\* In October Officers Dube and McCarriston attended the three-day Pamet national users group meeting in Acton.
  - \*\* In October Acting Captain Alex attended a three-day seminar on Windows 95 at the King's Grant Inn in Danvers.
  - \*\* In November Acting Capt Alex and Officer Dube attended a day LEAPS regional working group meeting.
  - \*\* In December Acting Captain Alex, Sgt. Stephens, Officer Lord and Officer Steadman attended a five-day seminar on Community Policing Administration at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

### **Firearms**

Firearms Training was conducted throughout the year by Department Instructors Capt. Paul DesRoches and Officer John Dube. These Officers being certified instructors under guidelines set forth by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Capt. DesRoches and Officer Dube are certified in the instruction of Patrol Rifle, Shotgun, Revolver and Semi-Automatic Pistols. Officer Dube is further certified in the instruction of Mace/Chemical Agents as well as Handgun Retention and Patrol Baton.

All Officers participated in Firearms Training in October at the Camp Curtis Guild Range, in Wakefield, MA. This training consisted of the safe and proficient handling of the Remington 12 Gauge Shotgun.

All Officers participated in a Dual-Agency program, with Officer Dube and Instructors from the Essex County Sheriff's Department, at the Camp Curtis Guild Range in Wakefield, MA. This training consisted of a stress under fire course. Officers were placed in situations, given multiple targets and were to exhibit their ability & judgement. Judgement as in whether it was or was not safe to shoot, and ability to show a good use of cover and the safe handling and reloading of their weapon under stress.

In November, Firearms qualification was conducted by Officer Dube at the Camp Curtis Guild Range in Wakefield, MA. All Officers fired qualification courses with their service .40 Caliber pistols. These courses are from



minimum standards set forth from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Officer John Dube continues to serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and Armors Association, elected as Treasurer for his third year. He attends monthly meetings with this organization in keeping up with the most up to date training information available today.

### **Commercial Truck Inspection Team**

The Truck Inspection Team continues to deal with the problems of overweight and unsafe commercial vehicles travelling through the town.

This unit is headed by Lt. Richard Wilson and Sergeant Anthony Pizzi. Officers John Dube, Paul Bartram and Timothy Cassidy are also assigned. A heavy duty diesel truck was obtained from the U.S. Army Surplus Depot and is used by this team in its enforcement efforts. The department also obtained a set of heavy duty portable scales at no cost to the town.

### **Joint Police/Fire Arson Investigation Unit**

Through the cooperation of Chief William Hyde of the Fire Department, the Arson Investigation Unit continues to review past fires as well as any new fires where arson is a possibility. The Police Representative is Officer David Matherson. Officer Matherson continues his regular patrol duties and is assigned to fire investigations as needed. This unit has an active caseload and demonstrates the excellent teamwork that exists between the Fire and Police Departments and the State Police Fire Marshall.

### **Appreciation**

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Paula Maguire, the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, Patt George, Selectmen's Secretary, the School Traffic Supervisors, Cynthia McNerney, Vice Chair, Finance Committee Liaison Member to the Police Department, and especially to the men and women of the Swampscott Police Department. I would also like to extend my thanks to all other town departments and others who have helped and cooperated with this department throughout the year.

# SWAMPSCOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT - INCIDENT STATISTICS

Grand Totals by Incident Type [January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997]

Incident Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<No string> = None	1	1	1	3	5	4	3	1	5	3	5	1	33
911-911?	1			1	1								3
AAL-ACCIDENTAL ALRM					3	3	6	10	4	11	2	2	41
ABE-ATTEMPTED B&E	1		1	2			2	1					7
AC1-ACCID./UND/\$1000	20	11	8	16	22	13	11	14	19	18	15	16	183
AC2-ACCID/OVE/\$1000	10	13	10	4	11	5	6	8	7	11	10	8	103
AC3-ACCIDENT/PI	6	3	3	7	10	8	11	4	5	3	8	2	70
AC4-H/R MVA	2		1	3	3	2	2	2	3	3		3	24
AC5-H/R MVA/PI				1			1						2
ALA-ALARM	115	90	115	104	113	141	164	111	99	130	114	131	1427
AMB-AMBULANCE CALL	43	36	48	30	54	56	34	49	47	52	53	40	542
AN1-LOOSE/STRAY DOG	1	3	4	6	5	2	4	5	3	2	1		36
AN2-INJ. DOG OR CAT	2	3	3	3	3	3	10	3	2	1	5	1	22
AN3-WILDLIFE	1	1	7	15	13	14	10	6	2	1			76
AN4-DOG BITE				1	1	1	1	1	1	2			8
AN5-BARKING DOG	1	1					1	5	6	3	1		18
AN6-DECEASED ANIMAL	1	4	3	6	4	2	7	2	3	3			35
ANI-ANIMAL COMPLAIN	2	8	5	4	11	3	4	1	1	2	4	1	46
ANN-ANNOYING CALLS	7	10	5	4	4	4	8	6	3	2	5	9	67
ASF-ASSIST FIRE DEP	2			3	3	1	3		3	2	3		20
ASL-ASSAULT	1	2		3	1	1	2	3	2	1	4		20
ASP-ASSIST OTHER PD		2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	30
B&E-B AND E	4	3	6	6	1	3	2	4	5	6	2	2	37
BEM-B&E MOTOR VEH	1	4	3	4	3	1	12	14	1	6	7	14	70
CAN-CANCELED INCID	1		3	1	2		4	1	3	2		2	19
CIV-CIVIL MATTER	1		1	1	1		2	1	2	3	2	1	15
COM-COMPLAINT	30	22	41	35	55	84	81	68	62	52	36	35	601
CRT-SERVING CT PPRS			1	2	11	12	15	5	19	3	1	2	71
DIS-DISTURBANCE	3	17	6	12	9	21	16	22	13	7	10	6	142
DOM-DOMESTIC	10	9	7	9	8	5	8	10	11	7	6	8	98
DPW-DPW NOTIFICATION	13	5	12	8	6	9	2	2	10	8	9	7	91
FRA-FIRE ALARM	1			1									2
FW-FIREWORKS COMPL		1	1	3			1	2	3	3	5	3	23
FAL-FALSE 911 CALL	15	9	17	14	14	18	21	11	20	15	23	11	188
FIR-FIRE	4	4	6	6	3	3	15	8	13	11	7	10	90
HAZ-HAZARDOUS COND	4		6	8	2	2	1			7		8	38
IAB-INDECENT A&B					1								1
LAR-LARCENY	8	9	6	9	9	20	30	15	17	14	10	8	155
LOC-LOCKOUT		1			1		1	1	1	1		1	7
LOS-LOST PROPERTY	2		1	4	2	5	2	7	5	4	7	1	40

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1997 will go down in Board of Public Works' history as a year of vision and initiative for the future of Swampscott. The emergence of multiple proposals for high cost town building projects (school buildings, police station, etc.) have focused our attention upon a previously unmet need for professional oversight/coordination of Town building construction and maintenance requirements. We foresee a role for our Engineering Department in taking the proposals of citizens committees to the next level of implementation through value engineering and construction oversight. In this way, the efficient expenditure of public funds will be assured. We have been working with the Capital Improvements Committee and plan to jointly submit a proposal to the Town Meeting in an effort to take the first step toward accomplishing this goal.

The Board continues to work toward obtaining a safe, clean drinking water source at a reasonable price for the people of Swampscott. Over the past year, we have been working with the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission toward securing an accord for the purchase and sale of Lynn water which is of superior quality to that received from our present source, the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority. Lynn is in the process of preparing necessary documentation in support of an application to the state Division of Environmental Management to allow the sale of its water. We are cautiously optimistic in our expectation of their approval.

Following two tragically fatal accidents on Humphrey Street, the Board began a lengthy planning process to use state funds to improve safety. The alternates will NOT include a narrowing of the street. All other options, including new synchronized traffic signals will be presented for public comment and discussion prior to any expenditures on engineering design. The Board appreciates the controversial nature of these proposals and recognizes the importance of keeping the public "in the loop" at each step. No action will be taken without achieving public consensus.

The Board has also received approval from the Mass. Highway Department for \$850,000 for improvements to Essex Street which will include grinding, paving, granite curbing, all new signage, and all new concrete sidewalks. The project will include all of Essex Street from the Lynn to the Salem town lines. The project is now in design which is the only cost that the Town will incur.

The Department provided Clerk of the Works services for the Library project. The estimated savings is \$75,000. This savings allowed the Library Trustees to replace the roof and balustrade on the older building, the single pane front windows with energy efficient window, and other needed repairs.

This year, as a result of deregulation, Massachusetts cities and towns, along with residents, will be able to choose between a number of utility providers for natural gas. The Department of Public Works, along with the School Department, assisted in brokering a deal to save the Town 11 percent off the cost of supply and transportation.

For the sixth year in a row, the Department has been a recipient of "Tree City USA" awards. The Town has received these awards because of its well managed tree program.

The following streets were paved during the year. Phillips Avenue, Forest Avenue (Pine Hill to Church Speed Bump), Redington Street (Humphrey to Highland), Sheridan Road, Rockland Street (Redington to Highland), Anks Terrace, Galloupe's Point Road (Williams to dead end), Brewster Terrace, Elm Place, Foster Road (Jessie to Vaughan Place), Ingraham Terrace, Lincoln House Avenue and Point, Plummer Avenue, Crosman Avenue, Ellis Terrace, Fisher Avenue, Bradlee Avenue (Atlantic to Ocean), Morningside Drive (Plymouth to Worcester), Tupelo Road, Windsor Avenue, Alvin Road, Milling and Paving trench on Humphrey Street and Fire Station Apron.

The Board has funded and participated in the Vinnin Square traffic redesign. The project will result in \$1 million in traffic safety improvements paid for with state funds. The engineering is a local cost and has been funded by Salem, Marblehead, Massachusetts Department of Highways, Local Businesses and Swampscott.

The Board will pave 30,000 square yards of streets during 1998. The selections will be taken from the Board's professionally prepared pavement management priority list.

The Board has combined three years of water system improvement funds to enable it to replace 9,000 feet of water pipes. The following streets will be done during 1998: Thomas Road, Hardy Road, Shaw Road, Andrew Road, Farragut Road, Grant Road, Monument Avenue (Hardy to Farragut), Walker Road (Farragut to Banks), Ellis Road (Paradise to Farragut), Banks Road (Farragut to Walker), Sampson Avenue, Boulder Way, Bellevue (part) and Beverly Road.

The Board continued with a three-year contract for cutting the grass in our parks. The Board estimates that the Town will save \$30,000 per year in maintenance costs and \$75,000 in capital equipment costs.

A service request system, instituted in 1990, provides for more efficient control of the Department's resources and for improved accountability. For 1997, the following requests were received and completed.



Forestry - 523 requests for service. All of the major work and pruning has been completed. The Board bid the major work as part of its shift to privatization at a savings in excess of \$20,000.

Water - 647 requests completed. Typical requests include stopped meters, dirty water requiring flushing, hydrant repairs, valve repairs, leaks, low pressure, quality testing, and pumping station maintenance.

Highway - 752 requests completed. Examples are pothole repair, street sweeping, railings and gates, horses for holiday parties, painting, litter control, pier and beach maintenance, Fish House maintenance, sidewalk repairs, curbing repairs, and brush cutting.

Motor Pool - 52 requests for major work such as brake jobs and installing sanders. Minor work on items such as lawn mowers and chain saws are not included in the request program, but comprise a major workload.

Sewer and Drainage - 523 requests completed that include manhole and catch basin repairs, collapsed pipe repairs, plugged drains, brook cleaning, and sewer backups. When not on emergency calls, the Sewer Division flushes, vacuums and cleans sewers, drains and catch basins on a preventative maintenance program.

Signs - 167 requests completed. Includes traffic control, streets, warning and safety signs.

The following divisions provide routine services and have small numbers of external service requests.

Park Division - Maintained all of the Town's parks, playgrounds, malls, ball fields and two (2) miles of beaches.

Cemetery Division - Maintained the Town's cemetery including 97 interments, grass cutting, installed 60 foundations, sold 41 lots, shrub and tree trimming. Along with our regular maintenance program, 5,000 flowers in 300 separate beds and 2,500 tulip bulbs were planted.

Engineering - The Engineering Division continued development of the comprehensive evaluation of sidewalks and streets in the Town.

The following major items were addressed and are either completed or ongoing.

1. Flushed, tested and winterized all 500 of the Town's hydrants, twice.
2. Continued with the Department's sidewalk repair program, including 87 locations.
3. Collected an estimated 900 tons of leaves. The majority was vacuumed at curbside. In the spring and fall, the Town (Board of Health) also contracted for bagged pick-up curbside.

In our efforts to obtain goods and services at the lowest cost, we are centralizing all departmental purchasing. Quotations of prices from various vendors are obtained, even where the amount involved is less than the statutory threshold. To economize on our current staffing levels, we are requiring on-site delivery.

The office staff continues to prepare water and sewer billing information, payrolls, purchases, abatements, communications and provide customer service.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin G. Gookin, Chairman  
Richard M. Bessom, P.E., Member  
Robert E. DiLisio, Member

Alan F. Taubert, P.E., P.L.S.  
Superintendent of Public Works and  
Town Engineer

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Andrew B. Holmes, Chairman  
Edward Snyder            Peter Oppenheim  
Mary Marrs            Leslie Kiely  
John Hughes, Jr.  
William J. Bush, Coordinator

The policy of the Recreation Commission is to provide worthwhile leisure-time activities for all age groups in the community. We continue to improve the programs sponsored directly by the Commission which include: Parking areas, beaches and lifeguards, adult and youth tennis, teen fitness and conditioning, youth and teen sailing, track and field, youth and adult basketball, street hockey, playground activities, a lacrosse program, and a fieldhouse recreation center.

The Recreation Commission provides both beach parking stickers and railroad parking stickers for a fee.

Participation in our programs continues to increase and we continue to minimize costs. The collected fees turned in to the Town General Fund for 1997 totalled \$28,552,

Installed a new baseball backstop and dugouts at Jackson Park.

A new fence installed along the street side of Phillips Park.

Leveled the Field Hockey Field and baseball outfield. Put in a new sprinkler system in the entire baseball outfield at Phillips Park.

Purchased four Widgeon type sailboats for the Sailing Program to upgrade sailing equipment.

The Commission wishes to thank the Board of Public Works, the Department of Public Works and their staff for the maintenance of equipment in our facilities; and the Commission wishes to thank the School Administration for the use of Swampscott school facilities. We wish to thank the volunteer personnel needed to conduct our programs.

# SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1997

Richard Feinberg, Chairman  
Ed Palleschi, Vice Chairman  
Peter R. Beatrice III  
Kevin Breen  
Cyndy Taymore

Regular meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month.  
Public is welcome.

Jacqueline Blanchard, Superintendent of Schools	596-8800
Deborah Dixon, Director of Pupil Personnel Services	596-8805
Kevin Oliver, Director of Business & Personnel	596-8802

The office of the Superintendent of Schools, located at 207 Forest Avenue, is open every weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Peter B. Sack	High School	596-8830
Ronald Landman, Ed.D.	Middle School	596-8820
Carolyn Murphy	Clarke School	596-8812
Garrett Vander Els	Hadley School	596-8847
Kevin Cushman	Machon School	596-8835
Carla Guarneri	Stanley School	596-8837

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the members of the Swampscott School Committee and the citizens of Swampscott:

It is both my responsibility and pleasure to once again submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The year 1997 brought many changes to the school system. I will take this opportunity to encapsulate some of the more significant programs, events, and activities planned and implemented by the school community.

### PERSONNEL

Listed below are the personnel changes that have taken place during the year 1997. To those who have either resigned or retired, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for their outstanding years of dedicated service to the children of Swampscott and to wish them much success in their future endeavors.

### CENTRAL OFFICE:

No changes in personnel staffing

### SYSTEM WIDE:

New:

Lakeisha Badgett  
Sofiya Khudisman  
Emily Lewis  
Judith Shea  
Preston Stacey

Resignations:

Cheryl Armistead  
Walter Hammond  
Matthew Cadigan

Retirements:

Delores Sergenton  
Thomas Wrenn (deceased)

Transfers:

None

Leaves of Absence:

None

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

New Appointments:

Jennifer Ansell  
Celia Blakemore  
Patricia Bryant  
William Callahan  
Marie Cinti  
Susan Devlin  
Hope Kazek  
Bernard Kravitz  
Gayla Morgan  
John O'Connor  
Jenny Olsen  
Erica Proctor

Tracy Raposa  
Jennifer Reen  
Linda Richard  
Sean Roach  
Leah Rowe  
Stephen Simmons  
Jodi Votano  
Nicole Whalen  
Michelle White  
Katherine Winterstein  
Phyllis York

Resignations:

Nancy Bertwell  
Celia Blakemore  
Christopher Campbell  
Susan Crimble  
Carole Cogswell  
Robert Jean  
Nancy Mattola  
Erica Proctor  
Jennifer Selvo  
Natasha Stewart  
Dawn Swimm

Gail Zipper

Leaves of Absence:

None

Retirements:

Carl Jack  
Mary Mazman  
Sanders Stephen

Transfers:

None

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

New Appointments:

Brandie Bakoian

Stephen Hess



Linda Baldini  
Jane Barbaro  
Donna Beatrice  
Holly Bollinger  
Jean Cocuzzo  
Biagio Crescenzo  
Irene Dalton  
Maura Dartley  
Gayle Greenbaum  
Ann Haskell

Kristen Inforzato  
Frances Kalishman  
Kristen Lary  
Rebecca MacKinnon  
Maryjane Montoni  
Meredith Reardon  
Jay Schwartz  
Yvonne Tourigny

Resignations:

Brandie Bakoian  
Stacey Drector  
Stephen Gross  
Claire Lennerton  
Daniel Master  
Maureen Moynihan  
Mia O'Day  
Noelle Palmer  
Tamara Richmond  
Derek Sulc

Retirements:

Emanuel Dandreo  
Richard Eyklenburg

Leaves of Absence:

Constance Coleman  
Toni Katz  
Penny Munro

Transfers:

Harley Greist from Machon  
John Stinson from Maintenance

**CLARKE SCHOOL**

New Appointments:

Virginia Barberie  
Lorene Jackson  
Erika Lukac  
Canice McGlynn  
Tracy Sofronas

Resignations:

Maeva Finellil  
Sheryl Snow

Retirements:

None

Leaves of Absence:

Lynne Farley

Transfers:

Sami Lawler from Machon

**HADLEY SCHOOL**

New Appointments:

Linda Balogh-Subrizi

Karen Chini  
Karen Craig-Foley  
Ellen Erlich  
Tammy Plotka  
Nancy Randall  
Lisa Spinelli  
Bonnie Yasi-Blazotti

Leaves of Absence:  
None

Resignations:  
Roxanne Campbell  
Jemma Freeman  
Jennifer Jones  
Lori Miglich

Retirements:  
James Boujoukos

Transfers:  
None

### **MACHON SCHOOL**

New Appointments:  
Kevin Cushman  
Judith Kelly  
Roberta McGowan  
Sarah Waters

Leaves of Absence:  
Michelle Zampell

Resignations:  
Kathleen Nollet  
Dawn Price

Retirements:  
None

Transfers:  
Edmund Canning from Middle School

### **STANLEY SCHOOL**

New Appointments:  
Stephanie Ambrosino  
Christine Mulcahy  
Julie Spreadbury  
Ashley Szemes

Retirements:  
None

Resignations:  
Lois Longin  
Amy Veilleux

Transfers:  
Christina Kenney from Hadley

Leaves of Absence:  
None

## LEARNING SPACE

When the Special Town Meeting of October 29, 1996 indefinitely postponed the vote to build a new 880-pupil middle school, another committee was formed to further study the issue. The new committee, the Swampscott Advisory Committee on School Renovation and Construction, has been meeting since February of 1997. With representation from many constituencies in the community, the Committee has studied our enrollment projections, the present condition of our buildings, the learning space use of our buildings, the cost of renovations vs. building costs, and options for grade configurations. At this point, the Committee has narrowed down their options to the following three:

OPTION	LEVEL	PROJECT	PROGRAMS/GRADE CONFIGURATION
#1	HIGH SCHOOL	Renovations/Technology Upgrades	Grades 9-12 Central Administration
	MIDDLE SCHOOL	New Construction	Grades 6-8 Pre-School Kindergarten
	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Deferred Maintenance	Grades 1-5
#2	HIGH SCHOOL	Renovations/Technology Upgrades	Grades 9-12 Pre-School Central Administration
	MIDDLE SCHOOL	New Construction	Grades 5-8
	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Deferred Maintenance	Grades K-4
#3	HIGH SCHOOL	Renovations/Technology Upgrades	Grades 9-12 Central Administration
	MIDDLE SCHOOL	New Construction	Grades 6-8 Pre-School
	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Deferred Maintenance Renovations	Grades K-5

## INSTRUCTION

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The instructional program at all four elementary schools continues to maintain high quality standards for teachers, administrators, and students. Through an aggressive staff development program we have been able to pursue our objectives in the areas of curriculum revision, educational technology, inclusion, alternative assessment, conflict resolution, and innovative classroom strategies to meet the needs of diverse learning styles and multiple intelligences. Teachers at all schools have participated in staff development opportunities both during the school year and during the summer months.

Judith Kenney, fifth grade teacher at the Hadley School, was honored as “**Educator of the Year**” by her colleagues in the Swampscott Education Association.

Our Parent Teacher Associations continue to sponsor a variety of cultural and enrichment activities, such as After School Enrichment Programs, Book Fairs, Assemblies, School Newspapers, Monthly Cultural Arts Programs and After School Academic Clubs. Through fundraising efforts, our PTAs also make generous contributions of books, computers and software.

Our School Councils continue to be a very active and integral part of the educational process in our schools. With analysis and input from staff, children, and parents, each Council designs a School Improvement Plan for the upcoming school year. This serves as a guide for the year in many areas of the school curriculum, activities and staff development.

The Extended Day Programs are one of the more unique aspects of our elementary program. Each elementary school provides extended day care with a variety of supervised activities for children in kindergarten through grade five, and run from noon to 6 p.m. Although the programs were originally created to address the need for quality day-care for children of working parents, all four programs have grown in popularity and now include many children who attend for socialization and enrichment purposes. These programs are self-supporting and in no way affect the school operating budget.

Some of the highlights for 1997 in each elementary school are as follows:

## **CLARKE SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The 1997 School Improvement Plan focused on the following goals:

- The Clarke School will implement a more integrated language arts program consisting of reading, spelling, listening, speaking, penmanship and the writing process across the curriculum.
- The Clarke School will better meet the technological needs of the children and staff as we enter the 21st century.
- The building and grounds of the Clarke School will be repaired to reflect pride in our school.
- To create a traffic and parking plan to better assure the safety of our children as they enter and leave the building.
- The children at the Clarke School will exhibit age appropriate social and conflict resolution skills that demonstrate an increased understanding and respect for diversity.

### **MAJOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

- The Advisor/Advisee Program continued to meet five times a year addressing social-emotional needs and the family. The emphasis this year was on conflict resolution skills.
- The third grade presented a moving Memorial Day Program (5/97) dedicated to the memory of Stephen David Johnson. Former Representative Torkildsen presented, in Stephen's memory, a plaque and boxed flag that had flown over the United States Capitol on 10/23/96. In addition, the third graders dedicated a beautiful tree in Stephen's memory. A stone marker was placed beneath the tree indicating their gift in his memory.
- Clarke School students participated in Project READ. Well over 70% of our students completed the program. In addition, students participated in the annual Book SWAP. Children chose one "new" book for each book they donated.
- Fifth graders participated in the DARE Program under the direction of Sergeant Stephens.
- Clarke School fifth graders held a science fair in 6/97. Grades three through five participated. Students shared their projects with other students, parents and staff.
- The Annual Thanksgiving Feast for the entire school was sponsored by the third grade on Monday, November 24, 1997. In addition to the feast, the school community had a food drive to benefit My Brother's Table in Lynn and "The Inn Between" in Peabody. Many donations were received and delivered to the needy. This event helps children to reflect about what they are thankful for and the importance of helping others.

### **PTA ACTIVITIES:**

- Clarke School Goes to Africa (1/97) interdisciplinary unit was sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee of the PTA.
- "Journey Into Jazz" was presented to all grades during Black History Month.
- The Clarke School PTA took part in the annual Fourth of July Parade. Our float, "The Last Train to Clarksville," was a replica of the Swampscott Train Station which is currently undergoing restoration. A great time was had by all.
- The PTA continues to run after-school classes/activities (soccer, cooking, cheering, holiday crafts, knitting and basketball). This September, for the first time, the PTA offered an after-school Spanish class in conjunction with Salem State College. Currently, children in grades three through five participate. In January we will begin Spanish classes for the primary grades.



- In 10/97 the PTA Cultural Arts Committee sponsored the "Evening Star Gazing for Families" from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Amateur Astronomy Club came to Clarke and brought high powered telescopes. Mr. Maccarone from the high school also brought over a telescope for us to use. We all had the opportunity to view planets and stars.

## **HADLEY SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Hadley School Improvement Plan focuses on the same three issues that dominated the previous two reports while also adding a new topic for discussion. The four categories are class size, staff development, educational strategies, and technology in the classroom.

The 1997 School Improvement Plan goals are as follows:

- Class size continues to be the most important concern to members of the Hadley community for the third year in a row. This takes on added importance in light of the recent addition of three new Kindergarten classes and the Intermediate Learning Center, contributing to a nearly 20% increase in the school's population.
- Staff Development registered as one of the three strongest responses on the Needs Assessment Survey for the third year in a row.
- The Hadley School Council, after consultation with the Hadley staff, recommends the following development efforts for implementation at Hadley: Computer Technology, Assessment Strategies, Multi-age Classrooms, Hands-On Teaching Approach, and Trade Books.
- The Hadley School Council continues to strongly support and encourage diverse and creative instructional methods that are necessary to meet the educational, moral, and social needs of all of its children.
- Technology is woven together with educational strategies, class size, and staff development to form a quilt of improving the opportunities available to our children. We remain committed to network computers at the intermediate level, purchase a server for these computers and the lab, update all existing hardware throughout the building, and purchase thirty (30) Alpha Smart Boards for use with our existing hardware.

### **PTA PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Marie Curie: Scientist, Mother, Humanitarian came to life for grades three through five portraying her passion for science from the time she was a little girl in Poland.
- Sugaring Off Tours: First grade classes traveled to the Ipswich Wildlife Sanctuary and learned how to identify a sugar maple, how to tap the trees, sap collection methods, and observed the sap being boiled down in the sugarhouse.
- Bay Colony Educators presented grades three through five with an overview of life in Colonial America through clothing, hands-on toys, games and artifacts from the 1750s.
- Poobley Greegy Puppet Theater delighted grades kindergarten through five with original puppets of all kinds, innovative stages and a puppet drama followed by a question and answer period.
- "Opera to Go" actively involved the audience of first through fifth graders through creation of vivid characters and exciting stories as the children learned the basics of opera.

## **MACHON SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The 1997 School Improvement Plan focused on the following two strands in a two-year plan with many activities and assessment tools in place.

- The Machon School will improve the quality of their written work.
- The Machon School will strengthen its home/school relationship in order to support its students.

### **MAJOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

- This year the reading curriculum serves as the major curricular focus at Machon. This effort has promoted a school-wide initiative towards improved reading scores and practical everyday usage.
- The Machon School is working to establish an additional computer lab utilizing existing Apple equipment. This lab will be used for introduction to and reinforcement of skills. These computers have been in the system for 17-20 years. While their use in today's world is severely limited, they are, nonetheless, a useful tool with young children.

- The Machon Student Council is already preparing for the much awaited "Machon Talent Show." Students and teachers "strut" their theatrical talents in this family filled festivity.
- Officer Tom Stephens assisted our fifth graders in making informed choices regarding peer pressure, drugs and alcohol through spirited discussions and role playing activities.
- Lincoln's Final Hope: Reconstructing a Nation. This drama is designed to examine our nation's tendency to solve problems through violence. Students question the characters in order to help them decide on the fate of men and to vote on measures they feel will end the cycle of violence.
- Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. This study unit will help increase students' comprehension of the tremendous risks involved in a black person's flight from slavery and of the bravery of Harriet Tubman.

#### PTA ACTIVITIES

- David Darling, a classical cellist, guided our children on a journey through classical as well as modern music. Mr. Darling combined elements from classical composers into an intriguing composition of modern sing-a-long songs.
- The Machon PTA eagerly awaits our "Grandparents' Day." Children invite a significant person in their lives to visit them in their classrooms. We all look forward to this extended family visit.

### STANLEY SCHOOL

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Stanley School Council developed a Needs Assessment and ultimately a Plan for School Improvement which included the following goals:

- To Meet the Instructional Technology Needs of all Students
- To Utilize a Variety of Instructional Strategies
- To Investigate Alternative Means for Assessment and Evaluation
- To Utilize the Building to its Fullest Potential.

As a result of working to achieve these long term goals, the Stanley School has instituted a Mid-Term Parent Conference in the winter and spring. Also, a group of primary grade teachers worked on a systemwide revision of the Primary Report Card and it will be piloted this school year. Each classroom is equipped with a computer with a CD-Rom and we have 16 Macs in our Computer Lab. Teachers have been involved in study groups which address goals of the School Council.

#### STUDENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Two grade three classes participated in an "Evening of Portfolio Sharing." Students presented portfolios of their work to parents while discussing and evaluating progress. This form of authentic assessment allows each student the opportunity to reflect on his/her own strengths, weaknesses and learning style.
- Grade five leaders conducted a fundraising campaign entitled "A Dime or a Penny Helps Children Many" to raise money for TLC.
- Grade five students created a Web Page. This web page features our monthly newsletter entitled "The Stanley Spotlighter."
- Grade five students completed the DARE Program once again under the leadership of Sergeant Thomas Stephens. Through this program students are given tools and strategies in order to remain free of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. It is our hope that students will utilize these strategies now and in the future so that they will make appropriate choices when faced with significant decisions.
- Project READ class winners were announced at a party held in honor of the "Cat in the Hat's" fortieth birthday. Stanley School students read a total of 236,304 minutes.

#### PTA CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

- Dan Kripps, a native American, erected a teepee with grade three students. Students worked cooperatively with a hands-on approach to gain a Native American perspective.
- Pianist Dennis Kobray became "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart" in this historical classical music presentation. Students had the opportunity to learn about the feelings, music, life and history of this composer.
- Ken Carrier presented "Shared Sciences," a 2½ day program presented to students in grades three, four and five. Students studied the owl and its natural history role in ecology and its digestive system versus the human digestive system. Others studied vision with discussion of the anatomy of the eye using models and class exercises. Others viewed hands-on orthoscopic surgery of a surgical knee procedure on a knee model with simulated injuries.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Middle School Council developed the following goals as part of its School Improvement Plan for the 1997 calendar year. Each goal contained implementation and means of assessment:

- To better inform the community members of the pressing need for a new Middle School due to increasing enrollment and the continuing deterioration and inadequacy of the present Middle School facility.
- To try to continue to service a growing population of special needs students.
- To continue providing services to ensure a smooth transition for youngsters to the high school.

### PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Project Adventure was added to the program of studies at the Middle School. Equipment for the program was partially funded by a SUCCESS grant.
- Two retired engineers from the community volunteered their services on a regular basis to tutor our students in mathematics and science.
- A record number of students participated in interscholastic and intramural sports at the Middle School. Intramural boys' and girls' basketball is a new and very successful program on Friday evenings in the Middle School gym.
- Students designed their own yearbook by using Pagemaker, Clarisworks data base and word processing, a scanner, and a digital camera.
- Students participated in a significant amount of community service. Activities included Toys for Local Children (TLC), Adopt a Grandparent through the Jewish Rehabilitation Center, and the "Penny Bear" Program for children with serious diseases.
- An artist-in-residence provided the entire seventh grade with a week long experience in Shakespeare. The program was funded by a Cultural Arts grant and additional fundraising through school dances.
- The KIEVE counselors spent a week teaching the eighth graders value clarification, social responsibility, and decision making. KIEVE was funded mostly by the SUCCESS foundation and, in part, by school fundraising efforts.

### PTA ACTIVITIES

- In the past the Middle School PTA subsidized many projects such as Kieve, Shakespeare productions and school/community activities. The newly organized PTA is more comprehensive and has identified its purpose as serving the entire school community. As a result, the organization has formed subcommittees to sponsor classroom opportunities, cultural programs, grant writing, community service, fundraising and building needs.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Swampscott High School continues to provide a strong, comprehensive educational foundation in a safe environment for all high school students. Each year adjustments are made to accommodate changes in societal needs, students' interests, shifts in enrollment, technological advances, new legislation, and innovative teaching strategies.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The **Swampscott High School Council** developed the following goals as part of its School Improvement Plan for the 1997-1998 school year:

- Swampscott High School Comprehensive Educational Plan Implementation - Fall of 1997
  - Reduce class size in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science
  - Respond to the Massachusetts Department of Education 1997 Time and Learning Regulations
  - Strengthen Swampscott High School's Graduation Requirements and make them at least minimally consistent with the new college entrance requirements for Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities
  - Expand the High School Program of Studies
  - Better meet the needs of at-risk students
  - Make more productive and effective use of Faculty time
  - To assure that students will be ready for the M.C.A.S. (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System), the assessment system aligned with the curriculum frameworks.

## NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES IN 1997:

- For the first time since 1978, Swampscott High School has revised its graduation requirements. Among the **CHANGES IN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** are the following:
- Beginning with the Class of 2001, students will be required to take and pass fifteen (15) credits of Science. (The previous requirement was ten (10) credits.)
- Beginning with the Class of 2001, students will be required to take and pass fifteen (15) credits of Mathematics. (The previous requirement was ten (10) credits.)
- Beginning with the Class of 2001, students will be required to take three (3) courses in the Practical or Fine Arts, including Beginning Keyboarding, although there will be an opportunity to test out of the keyboarding course. (The previous requirement was two (2) courses in the Practical or Fine Arts, one of which could be keyboarding but was not required.)
- Beginning in September 1997, Juniors and Seniors are required to take a one semester course entitled "Lifetime Health and Fitness" to replace the previous year-long requirement for Junior/Senior Physical Education and Health Education. (Prior to 1997, all juniors and all seniors were required to take a full year of Physical Education and one semester of Health during the junior or senior year.)
- When students returned to school in September 1997, they were greeted with the following **NEW COURSES**: English IV (140 - Honors Senior English), French IV - French Film and Literature, French IV - Conversational French, Greek and Latin Roots, Understanding Computers, Environmental Science, Lifetime Health and Fitness, Contemporary Health Issues, Sports and Fitness, Media Literacy.
- The focal point of the 1995-1996 Swampscott High School Improvement Plan was the creation of an **AUTOMATED CARD CATALOG SYSTEM** in the Library. We are pleased to report that this process is well underway and bids have been awarded for both the software and hardware that will be needed to accomplish this project. Hopefully before this school year concludes, Swampscott High School will have a modern, up-to-date, technologically advanced library with an automated catalog and circulation system.
- As part of its ongoing effort to improve the educational environment for all Swampscott High School students and to specifically meet the needs of at-risk students, Swampscott High School is embarking on a new policy this year which will afford students the opportunity to earn half credit in full year courses if they demonstrate significant improvement academically or in terms of attendance as the year progresses. Teachers will have the opportunity on an individual basis **TO OFFER HALF CREDIT** (2½ credits) for full year courses (5 credits) to students who have demonstrated significant improvement. The intent of this new policy, proposed by last year's ninth grade team, is to keep students motivated, encouraged and hopeful despite some bumps in the road as the school year progresses.
- As a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), Swampscott High School is required to adhere to the academic requirements established by the MIAA for students who participate in interscholastic athletics. Beginning this fall, Swampscott High School requires the same **ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN NON-ATHLETIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** that involve competition with other schools. These activities are: The Science Team, The Math Team, The International Relations Club, The Political Action Club, The Junior Engineering Technological Society (JETS) Club, The Drama Club's Participation in the Annual Massachusetts Drama Festival.
- One major facet of the Education Reform Law of 1993 requires that all students Grades 4, 8 and 10 pass a series of rigorous assessment tests. Eventually these tests will be used at the 10th grade level to determine a student's eligibility for graduation. The schedule for this year's test is as follows:
  - Fall 97 - MCAS Tryout-English Language Arts (Grades 9 and 11)
  - Spring 98 - MCAS Tests-English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Technology (Grade 10)

## PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Department of Pupil Personnel Services provides ancillary and support services to students within the Swampscott Public School System. Such services include, but are not limited to, Special Education, English as a Second Language, Screening and Attendance.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

According to the October 1, 1997 head count of special education students, 367 students receive some form of special education services. This represents 15.8% of the total school population and 15.0% of the school-age population in Swampscott. Swampscott continues to report numbers below the state average of approximately 17% special needs children, which is considered high in comparison with national figures. Swampscott's current figures have remained relatively stable over the past 10 years. However, the number of children tutored



to other schools and programs is somewhat higher. An analysis of the 367 identified special needs students is described below based on their prototype designation. In Massachusetts, special needs students are categorized not by disability, but by "prototypes." In prototypes 502.1 through 502.6, the higher the prototype the more substantial the special need and specialized services.

- 31 or 8.4% of special needs students are classified as 502.1 and receive all of their instruction in the mainstream general education program. This is accomplished by providing support services within the regular classroom through the use of supplementary aides and services. Frequently, special educators and instructional aides provide direct support services in the regular education class. Many other students have their needs met through simple and appropriate modifications and adaptations of the general curriculum and/or environment. Such modifications/adaptations can include, but are not limited to, adjustment of the curriculum, varied teaching style, preferential seating, untimed tests, reduced output requirements and any other appropriate accommodation to allow for the child's disability.
- 242 or 65% of special needs students are classified as 502.2 prototypes which indicates that they are removed from the mainstream for up to 25% of their instructional day for direct and specialized instruction in a special education setting. Such services could include specialized reading, language arts, and/or math instruction, organizational support, study skills, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and/or any number of other needed support services requiring direct and special instruction outside of the classroom. These students are typically mainstreamed for all academic subjects and receive a minimal amount of special education service to ensure their continued success in the mainstream.
- 35 or 9.5% of special needs students fall into the category of the 502.3 prototype and require special education services outside of the general education classroom from 25 to 60% of their school day. These children have more significant needs which cannot be fully met within the mainstream classroom and which require more intensive special education services.
- 21 or 5.7% of special needs in Swampscott are considered 502.4 prototypes and require special education instruction in a special education setting for more than 60% of their school day. Students with this designation receive all academic instruction in a special education classroom and are typically mainstreamed for the subjects of art, music, physical education and other nonacademic electives.
- 9 or 2.4% of the special needs population are placed in the 502.4i programs. This prototype indicates a substantially separate special education program outside of the public school setting. These students are tuitioned to various programs in the North Shore Education Consortium, which provides special education programming for low-incidence special needs students from Swampscott and neighboring communities.
- 10 or 2.7% of Swampscott's special needs students receive their education in 502.5 facilities which are private day school programs uniquely designed to meet the needs of low incidence special needs populations. All 502.5 programs must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education.
- As of the October 1997 headcount, no children were identified with 502.6 prototypes requiring residential facilities in order to meet their special needs.
- The 502.7 prototype is designated for students who are home or hospital bound and are therefore eligible for tutoring through the special education department. These students do not have to have already identified special needs. Students in this category are typically provided with tutorial services for a short period of time as they recuperate from accident, injury or lengthy illness. At the time of the October 1, 1997 headcount, one student was receiving such services.
- Special education services are available to children beginning at age three. The prototype for three and four-year-olds receiving special education is a 502.8 designation. Eighteen children were categorized as 502.8 special needs preschoolers. Many of these students attend the Integrated Preschool Program located at Swampscott High School. Preschoolers with more significant needs are tuitioned to other more specialized programs. The remainder of the special needs preschoolers receive some form of therapy only service.

The Swampscott Public School community continues its commitment to educating all children in the mainstream of their neighborhood schools regardless of special needs. However, Swampscott continues to be challenged with increasing "low-incidence" students, many of whom cannot be educated within our schools for a variety of reasons ranging from the severity of special need to lack of space for appropriate programming. These students require out-of-district placements with attached tuition and transportation costs as required by law. Children with multiple handicaps, severe emotional disturbances, brain injury and severe autism constitute the majority of

the tuitioned out population. Twenty-seven Swampscott children are tuitioned to outside placements. This represents 7.3% of the special education population and a 2% increase over the previous year's figures.

The determination for eligibility for special education is multi-faceted. First, a child must have an identified special need. Because of that special need, the child must be unable to progress effectively within the general education program. Lastly, the child must require special education to make effective school progress. An evaluation is conducted to determine a student's eligibility and need for special education services.

An evaluation consists of a variety of assessments and tests to assist the evaluation team in making its decision.

As the general school population increases, the number of referrals for special education evaluations increases. Referrals at the elementary level have remained fairly constant. The referral rate at the middle and high school levels has increased for the third consecutive year. There was also a significant increase in the number of special education referrals for three and four year olds.

The year 1997 was the year of special education reform at the national level. For the first time since 1975, the special education laws were revised and reauthorized. The new Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed into law on June 4, 1997 by President Clinton. Concurrently, the Massachusetts legislature has been working to revise Chapter 766, the Special Education Law in Massachusetts. Although not complete, it is believed that the Massachusetts reforms will move more toward the federal regulations governing special education which are viewed as somewhat less stringent. In either case, Massachusetts school systems must adhere to the higher standards of the laws whether they be state or federal.

For the fiscal year 1997, the Special Education Department received two noncompetitive grant allocations to support efforts on behalf of special needs students in Swampscott. These grant allocations are for the sole purpose of supplementing the local budget, not supplanting it.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Public schools are obligated to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction to students whose native language is other than English and who have yet to demonstrate English language proficiency to the level necessary for independent academic success. The Swampscott Public School System has offered ESL tutoring for the past eight years to the steady stream of ESL students enrolling in the schools. In the past year, the enrollment of ESL students has increased to the highest level ever.

The ESL tutorial program is available to eligible students and provides direct instruction in the areas of oral language, written language, and reading to identified students. ESL students are placed within regular education programs but receive necessary modifications in instruction and grading in academic areas. Most students receiving ESL support reach a level of proficiency within two to three years and become fully independent within the regular education program.

The majority of Swampscott students receiving ESL tutoring speak Russian. Other languages represented include Portuguese and German. One tutor provides tutoring and divides time between the six schools. The tutor is responsible for providing direct tutorial support in addition to consultation to the regular education staff. At year's end, a total of 43 students from kindergarten through grade twelve were being served. This is an increase of fifteen students from the year prior.

For the first time, the Massachusetts Department of Education offered a noncompetitive grant entitled Emergency Immigrant Assistance Program/English Language Acquisition Program in the amount of \$1877. Swampscott was one of 38 school districts in the state to be eligible for this grant which is based on the number of identified students needing services. The grant was used to provide additional tutorial hours and to purchase updated English proficiency tests.

## SCREENING

Screening is required by law for all children entering kindergarten. A screening is a brief assessment of developmental skills. The purpose of the screening is to identify the possible presence of special needs. Specific areas screened include articulation, language, auditory perception, visual perception, vision and hearing acuity, fine motor gross motor, and visual motor. Students who do not perform well on the screening may be referred for a special education evaluation. The screening team consisted of kindergarten teachers, special educators, school nurse, speech pathologists, and guidance counselors. One hundred seventy-four children were screened for kindergarten in 1997.

Early childhood screening is available to three and four-year-old children whose parents suspect the presence of a special need in any of the areas and for the reasons listed above. Any parents who suspect their child has a special need and wish to have their child screened should contact the Special Education Director to schedule an appointment.



Screening is also provided to students desiring to enroll in Swampscott under the METCO Program. Twelve students were selected for screening, six students attended the scheduled screening, and four were ultimately invited to enroll in Swampscott. One kindergartner, two first graders and one second grader did enroll at the Hadley or Stanley Schools, the METCO host schools. The METCO screening was conducted by a team consisting of the reading teachers, school nurse, guidance counselor, speech pathologist and resource room teacher.

#### ATTENDANCE

An attendance officer is hired through the local police department. The attendance officer is frequently called upon to handle residence checks to verify student residency in Swampscott and in matters of truancy.

### HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND ATHLETICS

#### HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

The Swampscott Public Schools' Health Education Program is a comprehensive program that includes instruction by certified health educators in the classroom Pre-K - 12. Through SUCCESS and C.O.H.O.E.S. grant money, the high school has instituted a Prevention Center which serves as a dynamic health resource linking the school and community.

Working in conjunction with the health educators, there are four registered nurses system-wide who provide screenings, health counseling and instruction in health curriculum. The nurses also provide services such as flu shots and CPR Instruction to school, staff and the community.

Our Health Education Department facilitates the Health Advisory Committee which is involved in the recruitment of grant money and special programs. It facilitated the conducting and presentation of the Swampscott Youth Survey. This year we received funding to support and expand our programs through the following grants: Health Protection, Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Teen Dating Violence, C.O.H.O.E.S., SUCCESS, and collaboratively with the Enhanced School Health Grant, Community Policing and D.A.R.E. grants.

The Swampscott Police Department has worked closely with the Health Education Department through involvement with the D.A.R.E. Program and the Community Policing Program.

The Swampscott School System remains committed to the Physical Education Program and has supported the development of the Project Adventure Curriculum with the hiring of the grant-funded position of Project Adventure Specialist at the Middle School. A Project Adventure Ropes Course was constructed this October on the school property across from the High School as the result of receiving a SUCCESS School Impact Grant. The Physical Education Department maintains three elementary, three middle school and two high school physical educators.

#### ATHLETICS:

The Athletic Department coordinated eighteen (18) varsity athletic teams as well as twenty (20) sub-varsity and freshman teams at Swampscott High School this year. Boys' Lacrosse played at the varsity level for the first time in the school's history. Cheerleading is also a major part of our Athletic program and is offered during the football, basketball and ice hockey seasons.

Significant accomplishments for the year included Northeast Conference Championships in Tennis, Girls' Basketball, Baseball and Football. There was a second straight appearance in the Division III Super Bowl and the Girls' Basketball Team played in the North Sectional Final at the FleetCenter in Boston. Nine (9) of the varsity athletic teams qualified for State Tournament Play.

The Middle School Athletic Program includes soccer, cross country, track, boys' and girls' basketball, field hockey, ice hockey and softball. A new Friday evening coed basketball program began in December 1996.

The Athletic Department offered physicals, free of charge, to all our athletes this fall. Two (2) local doctors and three (3) local nurses volunteered their time to supervise and perform the physicals for 97 of our athletes. All coaches were also present to supervise the sessions.

### CONCLUSION

I wish to commend and thank the School Committee for their support in making quality education available to all students. In particular I wish to thank Cyndy Taymore for her unwavering dedication and commitment to the children of Swampscott. Her resignation from the School Committee after six years of tireless service has been received with surprise and sadness. Her departure will surely create a tremendous void on the Committee and, on behalf of the entire school system, I wish her well in all her future endeavors.

A special thanks to my fellow Town Department Heads who have cooperated with me and assisted me throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued fiscal and philosophical support needed to ensure quality education and state-of-the-art services to our children. This is a community that loves its children and recognizes that they are our future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

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### OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This office is designed, and was established through Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 119, to assist veterans' and families of veterans' through difficult periods. Whether it is a financial difficulty they are experiencing, or worse, a terminal illness or death, this office is here to provide any and all assistance it can to the veteran or their families. We will insure that any possible benefit that these individuals may be entitled to is, in fact, disbursed.

Any financial assistance given through M.G.L. Chapter 119 will be reimbursed to the Town at a rate of 75 percent from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, once the request is approved at the State level. Currently, reimbursements are running approximately one (1) year behind.

### VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Veterans' Affairs Committee serves as a liaison from the veteran community to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee performs several functions such as insuring that the Town of Swampscott is represented in many of the area's parades and events. The largest undertaking of this Committee would have to be the Armed Forces/Memorial Day Parade. Although we were hampered by several distractions this year, i.e. poor weather, the General Edwards Bridge in Lynn sticking in the "up" position with several bands and parade participants stuck on the other side, we feel we still had a first class parade and ceremony. Our guests of honor included the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General "Butch" Neal, 2nd in command of the entire U.S. Marine Corps, and well known for his press conferences during the Persian Gulf War. Also in attendance was Raymond A. Clausen, a recipient of our nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his actions during the Vietnam War. Other attendees included Congressman John Tierney; State Senator Edward "Chip" Clancy; State Representative Douglas Petersen; General Frank Baran, Assistant Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard; Commander James R. Martin, Captain of the USS Samuel Eliot Morison, which was the ship that anchored in Swampscott Harbor for the day. Also on hand for the day's events were Captain Dean Pederson, Chaplain, U.S.N.R. and, of course, members of our Board of Selectmen.

Although putting this event together took thousands of man hours, it couldn't have been possible without the generous donations of the residents and businesses of Swampscott. This parade was by far the largest ever in town. It is unfortunate that so few came out to see the parade and ceremonies. We hope it was the weather, as well as other contributing factors that kept people from coming. I would like to thank all who donated, participated, or contributed in any way to make this event so memorable.

### MEMORIAL DAY

As is the past practice, several volunteers form at the cemetery to place the United States flag on the plots of deceased veterans. This year was no exception. With the guidance of Cemetery Superintendent John DiPietro, many volunteers came on the 24th and 25th of May and placed nearly 1000 flags. It is mandated by M.G.L. that each city and/or town will provide a flag for every veterans' burial plot on Memorial Day. This will continue to be an ever-increasing cost for two reasons: (1) the cost of flags increases every year, and (2) veterans will continue to pass away, creating a need for more flags. There is currently a bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, which would reimburse cities and towns for 75 percent of the amount expended for these flags. This bill, however, is moving slowly at best.

On Memorial Day, services commenced with a mass at St. John's the Evangelist Church at 11:30 a.m. Those participating gathered at the veterans plot in the Swampscott Cemetery. A massed color guard, with components of the Swampscott Police Department, the Swampscott V.F.W., the Swampscott American Legion, and the North Shore Detachment of the Marine Corps League performed the Military rituals, with prayers provided by Reverend Dean Pederson of the First Congregational Church of Swampscott. The rifle salute was fired and Taps were performed by Mr. Arthur Cronk of Lynn, followed by a bagpipe performance by Mr. Cliff Smith of Marblehead. An open house at the V.F.W. Post was held immediately following the ceremony. As they have for many years, Gallo's Florist provided wreaths at the Town's monuments.

## VETERANS' DAY

On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11:00 a.m., color guards and interested parties formed at Thompson Circle to commemorate Veterans' Day. Color guards from the Swampscott Police Department, the V.F.W., the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, all formed at the circle. Reverend Dean Pederson performed the benediction, as well as making statements regarding the importance of a day such as Veterans' Day. The rifle salute was performed by a coalition of members from the various color guards. Taps and Amazing Grace were performed by Mr. Arthur Cronk of Lynn (trumpeter) and Mr. Cliff Smith of Marblehead (bagpiper) respectively. Following the ceremonies, an open house was held at the V.F.W. Post on Pine Street in Swampscott.

## WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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A \$10,000 scholarship fund was established by vote of Town Meeting on March 28, 1950, as a **perpetual** memorial to those who served in the Military Services defending our freedom. The first scholarship was awarded in 1951 for \$250. In 1964, the Town Meeting appropriated an additional \$10,000. Since that time, gifts have been received from numerous individuals and organizations in memory of loved relatives and friends. To date 224 Swampscott students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$73,150.

### Changes in personnel

On Sunday, February 23, 1997, Philip A. Brine, Jr. died after a brief illness. In June, the Board of Selectmen appointed Robert F. Donelan as a trustee to fill the vacancy.

### Details of the 1997 changes in the fund balance

Balance at 12/31/96	\$102,927.84
Current Year Donations	1,210.00
Interest Income	4,438.58
TOTAL	108,576.42
Scholarships Awarded	4,400.00
Balance 12/31/97	\$104,722.43

### Eight Scholarships totaling \$4,400 were awarded as follows:

\$700 Virginia Franklin	Tufts University
\$700 Joshua Taitelbaum	Tufts University
\$500 Melanie Marshall	Wheaton College
\$500 Emily Bowen	Boston University
\$500 Kim Koscielecki	Plymouth State College
\$500 Yelena Leyderman	New York University
\$500 David Trapasso	North Adams State College
\$500* Zlata Nikonovskaya	Savannah College of Art and Design

\* At the May 12, 1997 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was voted to raise this scholarship from \$250 to \$500 through a grant from the Kearsage Lodge #217 of Odd Fellows.

The Trustees wish to thank everyone who made donations to the Scholarship Fund. Through your generosity, we are able to build up the equity in the fund, thereby providing the opportunity for additional income from which the awards are granted. Each year a few high school graduates, who reside in Swampscott and continue on to higher education, will receive some financial assistance.

### Honor Roll of Current Year Donors

Kearsage Lodge #217 of Odd Fellows, Wayfarers Lodge of Masons, Mildred Bailey, Barbara and Joseph Balsama, Paul E. Garland, Benjamin Goldberg, Angelo Losano, Mary Lutz, Ernest Manchin, Ida Pinto, Joseph Pinto, Hugh (Jim) Schultz, Eileen Ventresca, Constance A. White, Thomas B. White, Jr.

### Donations Were In Memory of:

Carl E. Anderson, Robert Blood, Jr., Arthur H. Bogus, Antoinette R. Bourgeois, James A. Breed, Jr., Philip A. Brine, Jr., Lawrence B. Collier, Henry F. Bufalino, E. Everett Delano, Eugene A. Faia, John P. Ingalls, Jr., Robert F. McGrath, Jeanne Mallett, Mary Manchin, Hazen E. Markee, Vincent P. O'Brien, Richard F. Ray, William B. Stressenger, Robert L. Yasi, Grace E. Young.

## **Honor Roll of Special Scholarship**

Donations for "My Favorite Teacher Memorial"

Louise C. Stanley (Stanley School was named for her) - from Ernest Manchin

Alice Durgin - from Minnie Pagnotta

Waldemar G. Kester - from Kimberly G. Sawin

Priscilla Waldo Papin Memorial - from Christopher W. Ratley, a scholarship recipient in 1965

Two Sisters Memorial - in memory of Eleanor M. (Currie) Ludlam and A.M. Florence (Currie)

Coraine - from their husbands, William A. Ludlam and Natale Coraine, who were both veterans of World War II. All graduates of Swampscott High School. Wayfarers Lodge of Masons Memorial -

Current year donations are in memory of:

Carl E. Anderson, Arthur H. Bogus, Lawrence B. Collier, Hazen E. Markee, James A.

Breed, Jr., William B. Stressenger, Richard F. Ray, Robert Blood, Jr.

Alphonse and Marie C. Chiancone Memorial - from Marie Chiancone

Kearsage Lodge #217 - Odd Fellows Memorial - in memory of departed members

Upper Swampscott Improvement Association Memorial

Class of 1944 - 50 years

Class of 1937 - 50 years



## WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The total of fees collected was \$1471.20. The breakdown was as follows:

<b>Scales and Balances</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Sealed</b>
1,000 - 5,000 Lbs.		1
100 - 1,000 Lbs.	1	2
10 - 100 Lbs.	1	72
10 Lbs. or Less & Balances	3	5
<b>Weights - Metric</b>		38
Apothecary		30
Gasoline Dispensers		116
Oil & Grease Dispensers		4
<b>Rope - Wire - Cordage Meters</b>		2
Totals	5	270

My thanks to Mrs. Patricia George of the Selectmen's Office for her continued cooperation and assistance.

John F. O'Hare

## SERVICE TO THE TOWN

On behalf of the citizens of Swampscott, the Board of Selectmen express appreciation to the following people who gave service to the Town and who resigned in 1997.

### **Executive Secretary to the**

#### **Board of Selectmen**

Richard T. Leary

### **ADA Oversight Committee**

#### **Mass. Bay Transportation Representative**

Richard Bessom

### **Animal Control Officer**

Betsy A. Tufts

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

David M. Siegel

### **Board of Assessors**

Robert W. Murphy

### **Benefits Administrator**

Karen A. E. Prodo

### **Council on Aging**

Martin S. Plum

### **Cultural Council**

Catherine M. Walsh

### **Earth Removal Advisory Committee**

Mark Mahoney

### **Board of Election Commissioners**

Marguerite Cunningham

Deborah E. Goldberg

### **Housing Partnership Committee**

Christopher Bibby

### **Insurance Advisory Committee**

Philip Demakes

### **North Shore Regional Vocational**

#### **School District Representative**

William R. Hyde, Jr.

### **Personnel Board**

Paul E. Garland

### **Trustees of the Public Library**

Carole B. Shutzer

### **Public Safety Building Committee**

Alan F. Taubert

### **Recreation Commission**

Richard W. Dedrick

Sherman Freedman

## IN MEMORIAM

**Philip Brine, Jr.**

Trustee, War Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Died: February 23, 1997

**Paul DesRoches**

Captain - Police Department  
Died: November 6, 1997

**Roy Johansen**

Retired from Fire Department  
Died: November 7, 1997

**Lawrence Lucie**

Retired from School Department  
Died: January 27, 1997

**Ruth Macridis**

Retired from Police Department  
Died: October 8, 1997

**Marion Manker**

Retired from School Department  
Died: March 20, 1997

**Thomas Wrenn**

Retired from School Department  
Died: November 21, 1997





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 Burial Permits  
 Cemetery  
 Checks  
 Conservation  
 Council on Aging  
 Death Certificates  
 Dog Licenses  
 Dogs — Lost & Found  
 Elections/Registrations  
 Engineering  
 Entertainment Licenses  
 Executive Secretary to  
     Board of Selectmen  
 Fire Permits  
 Gas Permits  
 Housing Authority  
 Library  
 Lights (Street)  
 Liquor Licenses  
 Marriage Certificates  
 Milk Inspection  
 Parking Tickets  
 Parks & Playgrounds  
 Plumbing Permits  
 Public Housing  
 Recreation  
 Schools  
 Sewers & Streets  
 Tax Collections  
 Tennis Permits  
 Trash/Recyclables Collection  
 Trees  
 UCC Filings  
 Veterans Benefits  
 Voting Registration  
 Water  
 Weights & Measures  
 Wiring Permits  
 Workers' Compensation  
 Yard Sale Permits  
 Zoning

**FOR AMBULANCE CALL NORTSHORE**  
**AMBULANCE IN SWAMPSCOTT**  
**OR POLICE**  
**CIVIL DEFENSE**  
**FIRE**

593-6666  
 911 or 595-1111  
 598-3732  
 592-2121

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Assessors	596-8858
Administrator	596-8859
Police	595-1111
Town Accountant	596-8811
Town Clerk	596-8856
Clerk of Board	598-6113
Building Inspector	596-8857
Health Department	596-8864
Cemetery	596-8863
Town Treasurer	596-8852
Commission	596-8853
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Town Clerk	596-8856
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Animal Control Officer	596-8871
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Selectmen	596-8850
Executive Secretary	596-8889
Fire Department	595-4050
Building Department	596-8857
Executive Director	593-5516
Public Library	596-8867
Selectmen	596-8850
Selectmen	596-8850
Town Clerk	596-8856
Health Department	596-8864
Commissioner	(978) 970-1400
Public Works	596-8860
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Public Works	596-8860
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Public Works	596-8860
Inspector	593-5476
Wire Inspector	596-8857
Administrator	596-8859
Police	595-1111
Building Inspector	596-8857









